

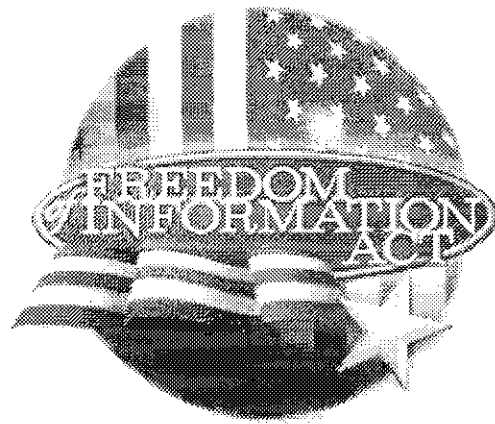
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TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 2/2/77

FROM : J. S. Peelman

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE FBI - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SECURITY AND ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATIONS

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Unless otherwise indicated all information in this memorandum is unclassified.

**PURPOSE:** To advise of receipt of Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) completed, publicly releasable report and to provide the effect our observations, as submitted to the Attorney General (AG) by letter 1/21/77, had on this report.

**SYNOPSIS:** The attached memorandum dated 1/19/77, provided background information regarding the Department's review of our investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his assassination and that a report on this review was furnished the Director on 1/12/77. In this memorandum the OPR report was summarized and by letter to the AG dated 1/21/77, (copy also attached) our observations regarding the report were furnished to the Department. On 1/31/77, the OPR furnished its completed, publicly releasable report, which contained changes for classification and privacy reasons as well as some revisions based on observations in our letter to the AG of 1/21/77. Since the Department has already been furnished our observations on its report and our concerns as to privacy, informant protection and classification, it is believed no further correspondence to the Department is necessary and no additional action is required on our part concerning the report.

The changes in OPR's report believed to result from our observations are outlined as follows. With respect to "The Assassination Investigation," in its initial report, the Task Force states the Bureau's preparation and filing of a criminal

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Re: Report of the Department of Justice Task Force

complaint without first clearing with Department represents "Bureau's disdain for Department supervision." In recommendation number 3, Task Force initially recommended that no criminal action in sensitive cases should be instituted by FBI without Departmental approval which would include, in appropriate cases, approval of U. S. Attorneys Offices. We furnished our observations pointing out file documentation reporting authorization received from both Attorney General and U. S. Attorney's Office. In final report Task Force states Bureau had disdain for the supervisory responsibilities of Department, however, changed information regarding complaint. In final report it states the AG authorized the prosecutive action, "but then, apparently without further consultation" with Department the Bureau prepared and filed a complaint. The report states the Bureau filed the complaint in Birmingham because it "could not rely on the U. S. Attorney at Memphis" and "would lose control of the situation." "The Bureau Scenario called for then advising the AG 'that circumstances have required the action taken.'" As another example of "disdain" it states an Assistant to the Director "hung up the phone" on the AG and a Legat was ordered to be "diplomatic but firm with Vinson (an Assistant Attorney General) and that under no circumstances should Vinson be allowed to push our personnel around." In discussing Departmental control, final report states, "In fairness to the Bureau it has to be observed that it is the obligation of the Department to insist on these prerogatives. We do not think it effectively did so in the King murder case." In the final report Task Force changes recommendation number 3 and recommends in sensitive cases no criminal action be instituted without the closest coordination and consultation with the supervising division of Department; and, this supervision should be as tight as the Bureau had with its field offices in the assassination investigation.

Although making no changes in its critical evaluation of King's security investigation or in its recommendations in its final report, the OPR (1) corrected its identification of the Bureau official who ordered removal of the January, 1966, microphone surveillance of King, (2) added a statement that Bureau indices contained no record of any surreptitious entries against King or Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), (3) deleted information which tended to identify an informant, (4) deleted four informant

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symbol numbers, (5) added to its explanation of "The Deegan File," (a term incorrectly used to describe location of King surveillance tapes and transcripts) (6) deleted information concerning a proposed counterintelligence action against King, and (7) deleted certain information concerning King's association with communists to effect declassification and avoid compromise of sensitive Bureau sources.

OPR took no action on our observations, other than outlined above. A number of minor discrepancies and typographical errors in the final report were brought to the attention of OPR on 2/1/77.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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Re: REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE

DETAILS: By memorandum dated 1/19/77, (copy attached) you were furnished background information regarding the Department's review of our investigation concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., and his assassination, and that a report of this review was furnished the Director on 1/12/77, by Michael E. Shaheen, Counsel, OPR. In this memorandum the OPR report was summarized and approval was obtained to furnish the AG our observations as to the report. These observations were set forth in letter to the AG dated 1/21/77, (copy attached).

On 1/31/77, Mr. Shaheen delivered one copy of OPR's revised report, which he described as publicly releasable, to SA V. R. Thornton, who has been conducting liaison with OPR's Task Force. Mr. Shaheen stated the report was for information of the Bureau, but requested to be advised if it presents any problems.

Following review of the revised report by personnel of the General Investigative Division, it is noted that, in addition to changes for classification and privacy reasons, OPR made some alterations based upon observation in our letter of 1/21/77, (these changes are outlined below). However, since the revised publicly releasable report is essentially unchanged from its original form and our observations have already been furnished to the Department, it is believed that no further correspondence need be directed to the Department relative to the OPR review and report.

From the standpoint of classification, privacy, and protection of informants, all of our concerns have been brought to the attention of the Department. There is no further action required on our part concerning the OPR report.

CHANGES IN OPR REPORT BELIEVED TO  
RESULT FROM OBSERVATIONS BY  
THE FBI IN LETTER TO AG

With respect to our letter to the AG, 1/21/77, the OPR took no action on our comments and observation except in the following instances:

A. The Assassination Investigation

In the initial report, Page 110, the Task Force states, "The Bureau's preparation and filing of the criminal complaint against 'Galt' on April 17, 1968, before a U. S. Commissioner at Birmingham without first clearing with the

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Department, and the after-the-fact submission to the Attorney General of a draft press release about the complaint are illustrative of the Bureau's disdain for Department supervision (HQ 44-38861-1555, 1565)."

Also in the initial report in the "RECOMMENDATIONS, A. As to the Murder Investigation," the Task Force states on Page 144, "(3) The Task Force recommends that no criminal action in sensitive cases should be instituted by the FBI without Departmental approval which would include, in appropriate cases, the approval of the United States Attorneys Offices."

In our letter to the Attorney General dated January 21, 1977, we provided observations that the FBI file on the civil rights assassination investigation (serial 44-38861-1555 - a FBI memorandum) reflects the Attorney General authorized the filing of the complaint and serial 44-38861-2323 (a Birmingham FBI report) reflects the United States Attorney's Office authorized the filing of the complaint. We further noted that in 1968 and up to and including the present time, it was Departmental policy in civil rights matters to obtain authorization from the Department prior to instituting "criminal action" (instituting Federal process such as filing a complaint or seeking an indictment, etc.). Also it was the policy of the FBI in 1968 and up to and including the present time to obtain the authorization of the Department and/or the appropriate U. S. Attorney's Office prior to the institution of any Federal process. Additionally on January 25, 1977, Task Force Attorneys requested a conference with representatives of the General Investigative Division and asked whether any further documentation could be obtained showing that the FBI did have authorization from the Attorney General prior to filing this complaint. Based on a FBI Headquarters inquiry, the Birmingham Office furnished by facsimile on January 25, 1977, a copy of a memorandum dated April 18, 1968, from the SAC, Birmingham to the Birmingham civil rights file reporting that United States Attorney Weaver said, "he spoke to the Attorney General, and the Attorney General indicated that he did authorize prosecution of Galt; however, he was not aware where the process was to be filed since that was the decision for FBI Officials. He further advised Weaver that he assumed that Birmingham was chosen because it was a place where the first overt act of conspiracy occurred." A copy of this Birmingham memorandum (Birmingham serial 44-1740-1005) was furnished to the Task Force on January 26, 1977, and it stated it would take this matter under review.

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In its final report, the Task Force changed the information regarding the filing of the complaint. On pages 110 and 111, the Task Force now states that "The Bureau files reflect a significant degree of disdain for the supervisory responsibilities of the Attorney General and the operating Divisions of the Department. For example, the Attorney General authorized the institution of prosecutive action against the suspect 'Galt' (Birmingham 44-1740-1005). But then, apparently without further consultation with the Attorney General or the Civil Rights Division, the Bureau prepared and filed a criminal complaint. The Bureau selected Birmingham as the venue in which to file the complaint in preference to Memphis because the Bureau 'could not rely on the U. S. Attorney at Memphis' and 'would lose control of the situation' (HQ 44-38861-1555). The Bureau scenario called for then advising the Attorney General 'that circumstances have required the action taken' (HQ 44-38861-1555)."

In its initial report in further discussing "The Bureau's disdain for Department supervision," (Page 110) the Task Force noted that "the FBI 'Legat' in London was instructed not to take orders from Vinson (HQ 44-38861-4507)." (Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson). We orally pointed out to the Task Force on January 17, 1977, that this citation regarding Vinson was incorrect.

In its final report the Task Force deletes this reference to Vinson on Page 110, however, on Page 111, the Task Force states, "As another example, at the extradition stage of the case, marked discourtesy was exhibited to the Attorney General and to Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson. In a telephone discussion with the Attorney General who complained of being 'kept in the dark', an Assistant to the Director\* accused the Attorney General of falsifications and 'hung up the phone'. Again, when Assistant Attorney General Vinson was detailed to England to arrange for the extradition of James Earl Ray, the Legal Attache was ordered to be 'diplomatic but firm with Vinson and that under no circumstances should Vinson be allowed to push our personnel around' (HQ 44-38861-4447)."

In both its initial and final report, the Task Force stated "The Task Force views this lack of coordination and cooperation as highly improper. The Attorney General and the Division of the Department having prosecutorial responsibility for an offense being investigated should be kept fully abreast of developments. The responsible Division, moreover, should have sufficient control of the Bureau's investigations to insure that the legal necessities of pleading and proof are met."

\*Mr. C. D. DeLoach - retired

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In its final report, however, the Task Force added, "In fairness to the Bureau it has to be observed that it is the obligation of the Department to insist on these perogatives. We do not think it effectively did so in the King murder case." (Page 112).

In its final report the Task Force changed the recommendation in item number 3 to read as follows:  
"3. The task force recommends that in sensitive cases no criminal action be instituted by the Bureau without the closest coordination and consultation with the supervising Division of the Department. This supervision by the Department should be as tight as the control and consultation the Bureau had with its Field Offices as exhibited in our review of the assassination investigation."

B. The Security Investigation

OPR made no changes in its critical evaluation of of the security investigation or in its recommendations. Changes made in "The Security Investigation" section are as follows:

(1) Page 128 - in discussing microphone surveillance of King at the Americana Hotel, New York City, in January, 1966, the revised report identified Tolson, rather than DeLoach, as the Bureau official ordering the surveillance removed. Location in Bureau files regarding this microphone surveillance was corrected to serial 100-106670-2224X.

(2) In our letter of 1/21/77, it was pointed out to the Department that the initial OPR report implied that the Bureau conducted surreptitious entries against King, when none were conducted, other than to install microphone surveillances. In its revised report OPR adds that Bureau indices were unable to locate a record of any entries against King or the SCLC. (Pages 137 and 138). (~~SECRET~~)

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(4) Page 127 - OPR deleted four informant symbol numbers appearing in the initial report as a list of microphone surveillances against King in New York City.

(5) In our letter of 1/21/77, it was pointed out that OPR use of the term "The Deegan File" in referring to the location of King surveillance tapes and transcripts was incorrect. While the amended OPR report continues to use this term, the statement "in order to provide more than

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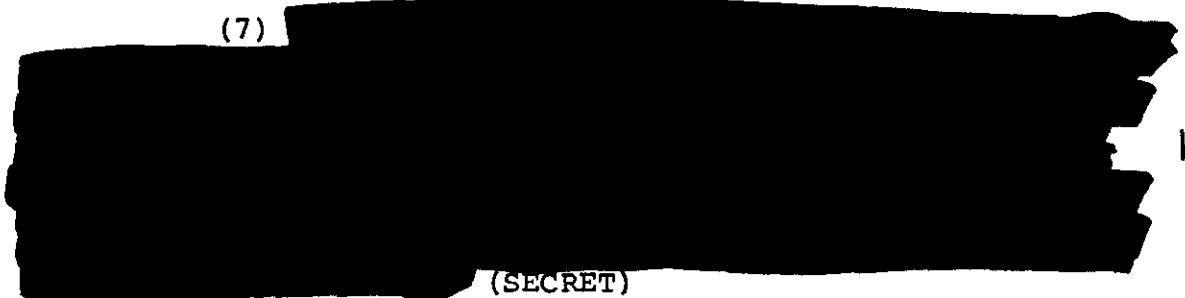
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normal protection" was added to the footnote explaining "The Deegan File," (Page 130).

(6) The initial OPR report (Page 134) contained a discussion regarding a proposed counterintelligence action against King. This entire page was deleted in the revised report, apparently for privacy reasons. This proposal concerned a woman with whom King was involved and a child born to her in 1965, reportedly fathered by King.

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MINOR CHANGES IN REVISED REPORT

There were, however; a number of minor discrepancies and typographical errors in the revised report. These items, brought to the attention of Steven Blackhurst of Mr. Shaheen's Office, on 2/1/77, are as follows:

- (1) Page 24 - the name of Special Agent Joe Hester should be deleted for reasons of privacy.
- (2) Page 25 - informant file numbers in paragraph one should be deleted.
- (3) Page 84 - in the last paragraph the word "in" appears reduntantly.
- (4) Page 92 - in line one the date March, 1969, should be March, 1968.
- (5) Page 134 - the name of Atlanta Chief of Police Jenkins should be deleted for privacy reasons.
- (6) Pages 163-164 - the name Lester B. Sullivan should be deleted for privacy reasons.
- (7) Pages 166-168 - contains two memoranda, page two of each memorandum is incorrectly assembled and should be reversed.

- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Deegan

February 4, 1977

Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Division

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BERNARD S. LEE v. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL,  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

The enclosed memorandum sets forth findings of this Bureau with respect to overhears of Bernard S. Lee resulting from electronic surveillance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference by the FBI.

Your assistance in defending this civil action has been greatly appreciated by the FBI.

Enclosure

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- 62-117194 (Lee)
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NOTE: Civil Action No. 76-1185 filed on 6/25/76 seeks \$1 million from Mr. Kelley, Mr. DeLoach, Mr. William C. Sullivan, Mr. John P. Mohr, executor of the estate of Clyde A. Tolson, deceased; and two unknown FBI Agents. This suit seeks to compel the FBI to furnish the courts with all tape recordings, transcripts, and memoranda resulting from tapes of the plaintiff's conversations.

Departmental Attorney Benjamin C. Flannagan has requested that he be furnished data concerned with all instances involving overhears of Lee including dissemination of data obtained from same. This has been coordinated with SA P. Grant Harmon, Jr., of the Legal Counsel Division.

Although this civil action was dismissed on 1/31/77, the enclosure is being furnished to the Department because it represents the results of a two month research project and might be useful in the event the plaintiff appeals the order of dismissal.

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ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION  
NO. 76-1185

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BACKGROUND

The complaint in this matter alleges that plaintiff and a number of other persons, in the Spring of 1963, met in a private room rented by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., for the purpose of assembling to petition their Government for redress of the civil rights of minorities. It further alleges this session was bugged and tape recorded by the defendants, or some of them, and that a copy of said tape was mailed anonymously to Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., about November 1, 1964, thereby disclosing the contents of this tape recording. It further alleges that this and other tape recordings of activity involving plaintiff Lee have been disclosed or published to persons outside the FBI and the Government.

By memorandum dated October 28, 1976, you were furnished additional details concerning plaintiff's allegation in this regard, together with appropriate documents concerning this Bureau's electronic surveillance coverage of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which resulted in overhears of conversations of plaintiff Lee.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an analysis of: 1) the type and number of instances wherein information was obtained from overhears of Lee and, 2) the dissemination of information received.

This analysis was prepared as a result of:

1) A review of appropriate indices at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ), which determined that individuals who may or may not be identical to Lee were overheard on electronic surveillances

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in the Atlanta, Newark and New York Offices of this Bureau. (It is to be noted that pertinent information pertaining to overhears of Lee by the Newark Division, including inclusive dates, authorization and dissemination, was set forth in this Bureau's memorandum dated October 28, 1976).

2) A review of all overhears of Lee contained in FBIHQ files on our investigation of communist infiltration of the SCLC.

3) A review of FBIHQ references listed in correlation memoranda on Lee dated July 28, 1965, and December 14, 1969, (the July 28, 1965, correlation memorandum is a summary of all FBIHQ references to Lee through the period March 1, 1965, and the December 14, 1969, correlation memorandum covers the period from May 1, 1965, through May 15, 1969) and all other references to Lee in Bureau files from May 15, 1969, through August 4, 1976.

Data obtained as a result of some of the overhears of Lee was incorporated into various types of FBI communications prepared by the Atlanta and New York Offices and sent to FBIHQ. A review of these communications developed the below information:

TYPE OF INFORMATION OBTAINED:

In reviewing the data obtained prior to this civil action from our overhears of Lee, it was determined that the information intercepted could generally be divided into five categories. Each interception was reviewed for content citing one or more of these categories. The number of intercepted items which had been furnished to FBIHQ prior to this civil action in all categories totaled 58. A description of the five categories and the total number of items in each are as follows:

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| 1) Contact by Lee with person and organizations having communist connections -                                      | 10 |
| 2) Items concerning SCLC business, personnel, administration, finances, meetings, public appearances and speeches - | 23 |

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3) Personal items involving Lee -	3
4) Travel of Lee and SCLC affiliates -	10
5) Personal items involving other SCLC affiliates -	12
Total	58

**DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION OBTAINED:**

Lee was actually overheard on 208 separate occasions by our Atlanta and New York Offices. Of these 208 interceptions (separate conversations) 58 were provided to FBIHQ prior to the institution of this civil action, therefore, the total number of instances where dissemination was made inside the FBI prior to this civil action (i.e. - Atlanta and New York to FBIHQ) is also 58. Of this total, 30 overhears received at FBIHQ were further disseminated within the Executive Branch of the Government. There were no instances of dissemination outside the Executive Branch of the Government. The remaining 28 overhears were not disseminated by FBIHQ.

Agencies within the Executive Branch of the Government receiving the majority of disseminated items were the Department of Justice (Internal Security and Civil Rights Divisions); United States Secret Service; Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (ACSI), Department of the Army; Office of Naval Intelligence and the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force. This dissemination was in accordance with the standard dissemination policy of the FBI at the time. Dissemination was also made to various other agencies of the Executive Branch when that agency had a direct interest in the information obtained.

**ANALYSIS:**

Based on the above, it is noted that of the total items (58) provided to FBIHQ from the interception of the conversations of Lee, 51.7% were disseminated outside the FBI to agencies within the Executive Branch of the Government.



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For your additional information, in 1968, then President Lyndon B. Johnson requested all information concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., in possession of the FBI. In response, copies of FBI communications previously furnished the White House were consolidated into six volumes entitled, "Communications Concerning Martin Luther King, Jr.," (classified Top Secret). These documents are being reviewed in attempt to discover additional overhears of Lee which may have been disseminated and you will be advised of the results of that review separately.

For your information, pertinent portions of electronic surveillance logs from the New York and Atlanta Offices containing overhears of Lee, which were not disseminated or transcribed, are in the possession of FBIHQ and can be made available for your review if you so desire.

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REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES DATED JULY 28, 1976, WHICH SET FORTH BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING REVIEW OF OUR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. INVESTIGATIONS BY A TASK FORCE OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR), DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ).

PURPOSE OF THIS TELETYPE IS TO ALERT WFO REGARDING PLANS OF OPR TASK FORCE PERSONNEL TO VISIT THAT OFFICE TO CONTINUE REVIEW OF OUR KING INVESTIGATIONS.

ON FEBRUARY 8, 1977, TASK FORCE ATTORNEY WILLIAM WHITE INDICATED HE, ALONG WITH TASK FORCE ATTORNEYS JAMES KIECKHEFER AND JOSEPH GROSS, PLANS TO ARRIVE AT WFO ON FEBRUARY 9, 1977. MR. WHITE INDICATED THAT SOMETHING MAY COME UP WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE THEIR ARRIVING AT WFO ON

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FEBRUARY 9, 1977. IF THIS OCCURS, WFO WILL BE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED. THEY DESIRE TO REVIEW THE INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING, AND ALL KING RELATED SECURITY FILES, INCLUDING "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE," "COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS," AND "CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION."

IT IS NOTED THAT ALL PERSONNEL OF THE TASK FORCE ARE AUTHORIZED TOTAL ACCESS TO PERTINENT FILES AND SUBFILES AT FBIHQ AND IN THE FIELD REGARDING INVESTIGATION OF KING, HIS FAMILY MEMBERS, AND ASSOCIATES. THIS WILL INCLUDE COVER PAGES OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING IDENTITIES OF SOME FBI SOURCES AND INFORMANTS WHO WERE NOT AFFORDED SYMBOL NUMBERS AT THAT TIME AND INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED CONFIDENTIALITY. INFORMANT FILES ARE NOT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHOUT PRIOR FBIHQ AUTHORITY.

WFO ASSIGN COORDINATOR TO HANDLE LIAISON WITH TASK FORCE PERSONNEL AND PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE IN WHICH TO CONDUCT REVIEW. CONFIRM THEIR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE BY TELETYPE AND KEEP FBIHQ ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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NOTE: The Attorney General has ordered a review of our King investigations. It is being conducted by a task force of OPR and is a continuation of a previous review by the Civil Rights Division of the DOJ.

WFO has been telephonically furnished contents of teletype. Task force personnel have been advised concerning address of WFO and appropriate FBI personnel to contact. WFO has been instructed to refer any questions concerning the review to Deputy Assistant Director J. O. Ingram or SA V. R. Thornton.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 1/31/77

FROM : J. S. Peelman

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE FBI - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SECURITY AND ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATIONS

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PURPOSE: To advise of further documentation received from our Birmingham Office advising that in 1968 the Attorney General (AG) authorized the prosecution of Eric Starvo Galt (an alias for James Earl Ray). The recent report by the Task Force, Office of Professional Responsibility, U. S. Department of Justice, reported that the Bureau prepared and filed this complaint without first clearing with the Department.

SYNOPSIS: By letter dated 1/21/77, we furnished our observations to the AG concerning captioned report. One of the issues raised by the Task Force was that the FBI prepared and filed a complaint without first clearing with the Department. We pointed out in this letter to AG that FBI file on civil rights assassination investigation contains a FBI memorandum (44-38861-1555) which reports the AG authorized the filing of a complaint, and a FBI report from Birmingham which reports an Assistant United States Attorney authorized the filing of a complaint. On 1/25/77, Task Force requested a conference with representatives of General Investigative Division (GID) and asked if any further documentation could be obtained showing AG authorization. GID representatives again pointed out that FBI memorandum (44-38861-1555) reports the AG authorized the filing of the complaint. Task Force stated it desired to contact retired FBI Special Agent Wilbur L. Martindale, the author of this FBI memorandum, relative to information in this memorandum regarding authorization from AG. Task Force advised we would attempt to locate Mr. Martindale's address per its request.

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Task Force was also advised we could further check with our Birmingham Office to determine if there was anything in Birmingham files not furnished to FBIHQ which would show any information regarding AG authorization. Task Force agreed. Based on FBIHQ inquiry, Birmingham Office furnished by facsimile on 1/25/77 a copy of a memorandum dated 4/18/68 from the SAC, Birmingham, to the Birmingham civil rights file reporting that U. S. Attorney Weaver said, "he spoke to the Attorney General, and the Attorney General indicated that he did authorize prosecution of Galt; however, he was not aware where the process was to be filed since that was the decision for FBI Officials. He further advised Weaver that he assumed that Birmingham was chosen because it was a place where the first overt act of conspiracy occurred." Copy of this Birmingham memorandum furnished to Task Force, and it has this matter under review. On 1/28/77 Task Force advised it does not desire to interview Mr. Martindale.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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DETAILS: As you are aware, the Task Force, Office of Professional Responsibility, U. S. Department of Justice, furnished a copy of its report of the review of the FBI's investigation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. By letter dated 1/21/77, we furnished our observations regarding this report to the AG, and the following was our response in this letter to one of the issues raised by the Task Force regarding the filing of a complaint by the FBI: (It is noted that Mr. Folsom set forth in this quotation is Task Force Leader Fred G. Folsom, Jr.).

"On page 110, the Task Force states, 'The Bureau's preparation and filing of the criminal complaint against 'Galt' on April 17, 1968, before a U. S. Commissioner at Birmingham without first clearing with the Department, and the after-the-fact submission to the Attorney General of a draft press release about the complaint are illustrative of the Bureau's disdain for Department supervision (HQ 44-38861-1555, 1565).'"

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Also in its "recommendations," the Task Force states on page 144:

(3) "The Task Force recommends that no criminal action in sensitive cases should be instituted by the FBI without Departmental approval which would include, in appropriate cases, the approval of the United States Attorney's Offices."

Observations were made to the Task Force on January 17, 1977, that the FBI file on the civil rights assassination investigation (serial 44-38861-1555) reflects the Attorney General authorized the filing of the complaint, and serial 44-38861-2323 reflects the United States Attorney's Office, Birmingham, authorized the filing of the complaint. Mr. Folsom stated the Task Force would take this under review. It is further noted that although the name of the Special Agent(s) of the FBI who contacted the Department is not set forth, serial 44-38861-1555 (a FBI memorandum) reports that on April 16, 1968, the Attorney General authorized the filing of a complaint charging Eric Starvo Galt (an alias for Ray) with violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241 (Civil Rights Conspiracy Statute). Serial 44-38861-2323, (a Birmingham FBI report) reports that on April 17, 1968, the facts of this matter were discussed by the FBI with Assistant United States Attorney R. Macey Taylor, Birmingham, Alabama, who authorized the filing of a complaint charging Eric Starvo Galt for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241. Serial 44-38861-2323 further reports that a complaint was thereafter filed before United States Commissioner Mildred F. Sprague, Birmingham, on April 17, 1968. It is further noted that in 1968 and up to and including the present time, it was Departmental policy in civil rights matters to obtain authorization from the Department prior to instituting "criminal action" (instituting Federal process such as filing a complaint or seeking an indictment, etc.). Also it was the policy of the FBI in 1968 and up to and including the present time to obtain the authorization of the Department and/or the appropriate U. S. Attorney's Office prior to the institution of any Federal process."

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On 1/25/77, Task Force Leader Fred G. Folsom, Jr., and Task Force Attorneys William White, Joseph Gross, James Walker, and James Kieckhefer, requested a conference with SAs Hal N. Helterhoff and John T. Aldhizer III, of the Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division. These attorneys asked whether any further documentation could be obtained showing that the FBI did have authorization from the AG prior to filing this complaint. The above named Agents again pointed out that the 1968 FBI memorandum (44-38861-1555) reports that the AG authorized the filing of this complaint. The Attorneys then stated they desired to contact the author of this 1968 memorandum, (Special Agent Wilbur L. Martindale, now retired), to interview him relative to the information in this 1968 FBI memorandum regarding authorization from the AG. The Attorneys requested the current address and telephone number for Mr. Martindale, and were advised we would attempt to obtain this information. Mr. Folsom stated that no information could be located in the Department of Justice files showing that the AG or anyone in the Department authorized the filing of this complaint.

These Attorneys were also advised that we could further check with our Birmingham Office to determine if there was anything in the Birmingham files, not furnished to FBIHQ, that would show any information regarding the authorization by the AG. Mr. Folsom agreed that contact should be made with our Birmingham Office. It is noted that the Task Force Attorneys previously reviewed the Birmingham files relating to King during its review of our investigation.

After we telephonically contacted the Birmingham Office, Birmingham furnished by facsimile on 1/25/77 a copy of a memorandum dated 4/18/68 from the Birmingham, SAC to the Birmingham civil rights file (copy attached). In this memorandum, the SAC (retired SAC Joseph H. Gamble) advises that U. S. Attorney Weaver (Birmingham) said, "he spoke to the Attorney General, and the Attorney General indicated that he did authorize prosecution of Galt; however, he was not aware where the process was to be filed since that was the decision for FBI Officials. He further advised Weaver that he assumed that Birmingham was chosen because it was a place where the first overt act of conspiracy occurred."

On 1/26/77, Task Force Attorney William White was furnished a copy of this Birmingham memorandum. He stated the Task Force would take this matter under review and would thereafter advise whether or not it was still necessary for the Task Force to interview Mr. Martindale.



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On 1/28/77 Mr. White advised the Task Force does not desire to interview Mr. Martindale.

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U. S. Attorney MACON WEAVER telephonically contacted SAC this date and indicated that he had received a telephone call from EAPL MORGAN, District Attorney, who had been in conference with Commissioner COOPER GREEN. MORGAN stated that he wished to know why Birmingham was chosen as the place in which the complaint was filed charging GALT with violation of the Civil Rights Statute.

WEAVER advised him that he did not know the answer to the question, but he would call Attorney General RAMSAY CLARK in Washington and attempt to get an answer for him. WEAVER said he spoke to the Attorney General, and the Attorney General indicated that he did authorize prosecution of GALT; however, he was not aware where the process was to be filed since that was the decision for FBI officials. He further advised WEAVER that he assumed that Birmingham was chosen because it was a place where the first overt act of conspiracy occurred.

WEAVER conveyed this information to Mr. MORGAN, and WEAVER stated that MORGAN appeared to be satisfied. Mr. WEAVER indicated that MORGAN's prime concern was that the filing of the process in Birmingham would result in Birmingham obtaining a bad reputation.

This information telephonically given to Supervisor MCGOWAN at the Bureau.

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PURPOSE: To advise of contents and observations concerning captioned report, and to furnish our observations to the Attorney General (AG) in attached letter.

SYNOPSIS: Department of Justice Task Force, Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) has furnished a copy of its report of review of the FBI's investigation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force reported the following re "The Assassination Investigation:" It is satisfied the FBI did a credible job in attempting to identify any conspiracy; James Earl Ray judicially confessed that he intended to and did kill Dr. King; the investigation was thoroughly, honestly and successfully conducted; the evidence pointing to guilt of Ray was conclusive; found no evidence of any complicity on part of Memphis Police Department or FBI; the sum of all evidence of Ray's guilt points to him so exclusively that it makes the point no one else involved; it unearthed some new data which answers some persistent questions the FBI did not seek; but FBI concentrated on principal in case and found no dishonesty in this; by "hindsight" task force believes Ray's brothers could have been interrogated further; discusses "Bureau disdain for Department supervision;" and it found no new evidence which calls for action by state or Federal authorities. Task Force makes "Recommendations - As to the Murder Investigation," and our observations concerning these recommendations and report set forth in attached letter to AG.

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Re: Report of the Department of Justice Task Force

With respect to "The Security Investigation" of King, the OPR Task Force was to determine if the relationship between the FBI and King called for criminal prosecution or disciplinary action against Bureau personnel and if the FBI was involved in King's assassination. Task Force reviewed security files of King, the SCLC and our files relating to communist influence in the Civil Rights movement. The Task Force concluded that opening of King investigation in 1962 was justified, but its continuance was unwarranted since there was no evidence that King was a communist or affiliated with the CPUSA. Report states that the dispute between King and Mr. Hoover was a major factor in the Bureau's determination to discredit King and documents "an extensive program within the FBI" to discredit him. Report discloses surreptitious entries against Levison, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In its critical evaluation the Task Force believed investigation of King should have terminated when Levison disassociated himself from the CPUSA in 1963 and our discrediting actions were unwarranted and very probably in violation of Civil Rights Statutes. Report states the AG and Department of Justice failed in supervision of FBI internal security activities. b(1)

Briefly, Task Force recommendations as to the security investigation are as follows: (1) no criminal prosecution of Bureau personnel because five-year Statute of Limitations has expired; (2) no disciplinary action against personnel in active Bureau service; (3) tapes and transcripts of microphone surveillance in King case be sealed, sent to Archives and that Congress authorize and direct destruction of that material including reports derived thereof; (4) endorsed intradepartmental supervision of FBI by Department of Justice (OPR) and legislative oversight by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; (5) That the unauthorized malicious dissemination of investigative data from FBI files be made a felony rather than the presently described misdemeanor; (6) that the FBI have no authority to engage in COINTELPRO-type activities.

Our observations concerning the OPR report on the security investigation of King are set forth in attached letter to the AG.

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Per request of OPR, we have been assisting Task Force in its preparation of a report it intends to make public which is protective of privacy rights sensitive sources and classification concerns.

OPR instructed original version of the Task Force's report was to be classified "Top Secret" and requested Bureau designate individuals to assist Task Force in classifying the original report and in preparing a publicly-releasable report. Document Classification Officer (Security Officer) of FBI was designated to assist Task Force representatives in classification matters and on 1/17/77, the report, Appendix A and Appendix B were classified on a paragraph-by-paragraph basis. Document Classification Officer (DCO) on 1/18/77 assisted Task Force in preparation of sanitized version invoking where possible approved classification standards. In spite of paraphrasing, sanitized report could be detrimental to this Bureau's counterintelligence interests in that sources and methods may, through logical speculation, be identified.

All information in this memorandum is unclassified unless otherwise indicated.

RECOMMENDATION: Attached for approval is a letter to the AG setting forth our observations concerning this Task Force report.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND: In 1975, the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives Select Committees on Intelligence Activities conducted inquiries and held public hearings concerning the FBI. Following disclosures made during these hearings, the AG directed, in November, 1975, the Civil Rights and the Criminal Divisions of the United States Department of Justice to review the files relating to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and make a recommendation as to whether the assassination case should be reopened.

In April, 1976, the AG announced that, based on the preliminary review by the Civil Rights Division, the tentative conclusions were: (1) there was no basis to believe that the FBI in any way caused the death of Dr. King; (2) no evidence was discovered that the FBI investigation of the assassination of Dr. King was not thorough and honest; (3) instances were found indicating that the FBI undertook a systematic program of harassment of Dr. King in order to discredit him and harm both him and the movement he led.

The AG then ordered that the OPR of the Department complete this review, and that answers to the following questions be furnished to the AG and to FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley: (1) whether the FBI investigation of Dr. King's assassination was thorough and honest; (2) whether there is any evidence that the FBI was involved in the assassination of Dr. King; (3) whether, in light of the first two matters, there is any new evidence which has come to the attention of the Department concerning the assassination of Dr. King; and (4) whether the nature of the relationship between the Bureau and Dr. King calls for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary proceedings, or other appropriate actions.

Since May, 1976, a Task Force of Departmental Attorneys under the OPR has been reviewing our investigative results, both at FBIHQ and in the field, of both the assassination investigation (civil rights investigation) and our security investigation of Dr. King.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE - OPR:

By memorandum 1/12/77, Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, OPR, United States Department of Justice furnished to the Director of the FBI a "Report of the Department of Justice Task Force to Review the FBI - Martin Luther King, Jr.,

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Security and Assassination Investigations." Mr. Shaheen also requested to know the names of those Bureau employees the Director intended to designate to classify these materials and to assist the Task Force in preparing a publicly releasable report that is protective of privacy rights, sensitive sources and methods and classification concerns. (Response made to Mr. Shaheen in this regard by letter 1/17/77).

This report consists of 149 pages plus the appendices. After the "Introduction" this report consists of "The Assassination Investigation," "The Security Investigation," "Recommendations," and the "Appendices," which consist of "Documents Cited in Report," "Interview Memoranda," and "Notes from FBI Files and Records from Other Sources." The Task Force advises this report is based upon review of FBI files (at FBIHQ and in the field), witness interviews (as conducted by the Task Force) public source material including newspaper accounts and books, review of the AG's file, files of other Government agencies and the Memphis Police Department as well as an on-the-spot inspection of the crime scene by the Task Force and a review of the local court records (where James Earl Ray was prosecuted).

THE ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated on 4/4/68, in Memphis, Tennessee. The FBI, based upon the request of the United States Department of Justice, instituted an immediate civil rights investigation into this assassination. Based upon our extensive investigation, James Earl Ray was identified as the assassin and subsequently pled guilty to this murder in State Court in Tennessee. He presently is in local confinement.

The Task Force report states that "based on our review of the files, the task force is satisfied that the FBI did a credible and thorough job in attempting to identify any possible conspiracy or persons who could have been involved in the murder," (Page 63). The Task Force states it hoped to have an opportunity to go over the facts with James Earl Ray, (Pages 85 and 86). (It is noted Ray never consented to a FBI interview.) Ray agreed with the advice of his attorney and did not consent to an interview by the Task Force (Page 86). In reviewing the local guilty plea of Ray the Task Force states, "Thus, Ray has judicially confessed that he intended to and did kill Dr. King," (Page 87).

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The Task Force addresses the claim of Ray to author William Bradford Huie that he "drove 'Raoul' away from the crime scene after the murder wholly unaware of the killing of Dr. King. In this version 'Raoul,' or 'Roual,' is the mysterious killer who Ray thought to be an international gun-runner," (Page 88). (Our investigation never identified the existence of "Raoul" or "Roual.") The Task Force also examined the allegation that Ray was "set up as a 'patsy' for 'Raoul.'" The Task Force states "The task force views the exculpatory content of these varying and patently self-serving tales to be unbelievable. The varying details are materially self refuting. Ray first admits full guilt," (Pages 88 and 89). The Task Force also states "We conclude on the basis of the evidence examined that there was no such conspiracy," (Page 90).

In examining Ray's "Sources Of Funds" the Task Force states "Therefore, the Bureau was particularly interested in determining his sources of income," (Page 98). In discussing the "Critical Evaluation Of The Assassination Investigation," the Task Force states "First, the task force has concluded that the investigation by the FBI to ascertain and capture the murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was thoroughly, honestly and successfully conducted," (Pages 106 and 107). "Second, the task force views the evidence pointing to the guilt of James Earl Ray as the man who purchased the murder gun and who fired the fatal shot to be conclusive," (Page 108). "Third, we found that conspiracy leads (aliunde Ray's versions) had been consciently run down by the FBI even though they had no possible relation to Ray's stories or to the known facts. The results were negative. We found no evidence of any complicity on the part of the Memphis Police Department or the FBI;" (Pages 108 and 109). "But the sum of all of the evidence of Ray's guilt points to him so exclusively that it most effectively makes the point that no one else was involved," (Page 109). "Fourth, it is true that the task force unearthed some new data--data which answers some persistent questions and which the FBI did not seek. But the Bureau concentrated on the principal in the case and much was not considered important to his discovery and apprehension. We find no dishonesty in this," (Page 109). "By hindsight the task force believes Jerry and John Ray (Ray's brothers) could have been effectively interrogated further to learn their knowledge, if any, of James Earl Ray's plans, his finances and whether they helped him after King's death," (Page 110).

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In discussing the "Bureau's disdain for Department supervision," the report states that "the FBI "Legat" in London was instructed not to take orders from Vinson (HQ 44-38861-4507), (Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson) (Page 110). Although this citation is incorrect as pointed out to the task force on 1/17/77, it is noted in this regard that the Legat in London had liaison with the London authorities regarding Ray's extradition to the United States, and it was then and still is established policy in civil rights cases for the Department to make any requests to FBIHQ.

Also on Page 143, the task force states, "The task force does not fault the technical competence of the investigation conducted into the death of Dr. King." We found no new evidence which calls for action by state or Federal authorities. Our concern has developed over administrative detection tactics.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE MURDER INVESTIGATION AND OUR OBSERVATIONS: In the attached letter to the AG our observations are set forth concerning the Task Force recommendations and the report. Therefore, the Task Force recommendations as to the murder investigation are not summarized in this memorandum.

SECURITY INVESTIGATION: As stated above, the OPR Task Force was specifically requested by the AG to determine if the relationship between the FBI and King called for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary proceedings, or other appropriate action. In addition, examination of King and related security files was to determine if the FBI was in any way involved in the assassination of King.

In its review the primary security files of interest to the Task Force, in addition to the King security file, were as follows: Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); Communist Influence in Racial Matters; Communist Party USA (CPUSA) - Negro Question and Stanley David Levison, ~~SECRET~~.

In its final report, the Task Force devotes pages 112-139 to a discussion of our King security investigation, utilizing subheadings entitled, "FBI Surveillance and Harassment of Dr. King," and "Critical Evaluation of the Security Investigation." The Task Force issues six recommendations as to the security investigation of King.

In its report, the Task Force traces the FBI's

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relationship with King to include initiation of investigation in 1962, which was based on his association with Levison, and Communist Influence in the Civil Rights movement, the degree of which was debated in internal memoranda between Mr. Hoover and the Domestic Intelligence Division. The Task Force concluded opening King's investigation in 1962 was justified, (Page 122); that its continuation was unwarranted, (Page 123); the Bureau to date has no evidence whatsoever that King was ever a Communist or affiliated with CPUSA, (Page 123); and that, the SCLC, under King, was anything other than a legitimate organization devoted to the Civil Rights movement, (Page 124). Further, the Task Force reported that Bureau files examined lacked any information that Levison's advice was dictated by the CPUSA or contrary to the interests of the United States (Page 124) (~~Secret~~).

The Task Force discussed the public dispute between King and Mr. Hoover concluding that this persistent controversy was a major factor in the Bureau's determination to discredit King and ultimately destroy his leadership role in the Civil Rights movement, (Page 126).

With respect to electronic surveillance of King, the Task Force report alludes to findings of the Senate Select Committee On Intelligence (SSC), which compiled a list of telephone and microphone surveillances against King. The OPR report names five additional installations not previously reported by the SSC since, according to OPR, they appeared to have been unproductive either because King did not reside at the hotel as planned or that the recordings made did not pick up any significant information, (Pages 126-127). The Task Force reviewed selected portions of transcripts of electronic surveillances of King and reviewed several tapes to check accuracy of transcripts with the original tapes. The Task Force concluded the transcripts were basically accurate, although some material was not put on the transcripts because that portion of the recording was garbled or unclear or it was considered unimportant, (Page 130).

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The Task Force report notes that the continuing security investigation of King also reflects that the AG and Justice Department Division charged with responsibility for internal security matters, failed badly in what should have been firm supervision of the FBI's internal security activities, (Page 142).

RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF KING: Charged to address itself to whether the nature of the relationship between the Bureau and King called for criminal prosecution of disciplinary action the Task Force issued six recommendations, (Pages 145-149), which are summarized as follows:

(1) Criminal prosecution of Bureau personnel, past or present, responsible for possible criminal harassment of King was not recommended because the five-year Statute of Limitations has expired. No evidence of a continuing conspiracy was found.

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(2) It was recommended that no disciplinary action be taken against personnel still in active service in the Bureau. Responsibility for initiation and prolonging investigation of King rested with the deceased Director of the Bureau and his immediate lieutenants, who are either deceased or retired.

(3) It was recommended that tapes and transcripts in the King case be sealed and sent to the National Archives and that Congress be asked to pass legislation denying access to them and authorizing and directing their total destruction along with material in reports and memoranda derived thereof.

(4) Recognizing the potential for abuse by any Director of the FBI, the Task Force endorsed the Department of Justice (OPR) as an effective means for intradepartmental policing of the Bureau and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence as the legislative arm to oversee performance of the Bureau.

(5) It was recommended that unauthorized malicious dissemination of investigative data from FBI files be made a felony rather than the presently prescribed misdemeanor.

(6) It was recommended that the FBI have no authority to engage in COINTELPRO-type activities, which are precluded by the present AG guidelines governing the FBI's domestic security investigations.

Our observations concerning the OPR report on our security investigation of King are set forth in the attached letter to the AG.

PUBLICLY RELEASABLE REPORT: Per the request of the OPR, we have been assisting the Task Force in its preparation of a report it intends to make public concerning the King investigation which is protective of privacy rights, sensitive sources and classification concerns.

PRIVACY ACT: The Freedom of Information - Privacy (FOIPA) Branch pointed out to the Task Force its chief suggestion was to delete all names of Agents mentioned in the report below the level of Assistant Director based on possible invasions of privacy or potential harm. Although the Task Force appeared to be sympathetic to our arguments, they pointed out that names of many of the Agents involved in the investigation were revealed in the news media and by the Senate Select Committee.

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Memorandum to J. Gallagher  
Re: Report of the Department of Justice Task Force

FOIPA Branch then raised on a page by page basis areas where it saw possible privacy consideration, including members of the Memphis Police Department and Fire Department, fellow inmates of Ray, and other individuals mentioned in the report. It was pointed out to the Task Force that we would be making releases in response to FOIA requests and would like to achieve some degree of consistency between their report and releases we were making.

In some instances they agreed with our observations. In others, they pointed out the particular individual and his involvement in the case was publicly known. In response to other points raised, they indicated they would take them under advisement.

CLASSIFICATION: By letter dated 1/12/77, the OPR instructed the Task Force's report and appendices were to be classified "Top Secret" and that the FBI designate persons to classify these materials and to assist the Task Force in preparing a publicly-releasable report.

The Bureau's Document Classification Officer (Security Officer), assisted by the former Martin Luther King security case supervisor and the current case supervisor of the sensitive sources who were involved in the King security investigation, were appointed for this purpose. It was agreed with Mr. Shaheen of the OPR that as the report represented a Department effort, it would be classified by the Attorney General based on the recommendations of the Document Classification Officer (DCO) and those assisting him. On 1/17/77, the DCO and his assistants furnished a representative of the Department Security Office paragraph-by-paragraph classifications for the report and its Appendices A and B. The DCO also assisted the Department Security Office in affixing proper classification markings to the report. Consultations by the DCO with the OPR on 1/17/77, determined that Mr. Shaheen at 4 o'clock on that date would furnish a copy of the "Top Secret" report to Senator James O. Eastland and Congressman Peter Rodino, both of whom chair committees with oversight responsibilities. Mr. Shaheen advised DCO it was his understanding the Senator and Congressman were being entrusted with this report, that it was for their perusal alone, and would be returned to the Department upon completion of their review. Shaheen also advised a copy of the report had been offered Senator Daniel Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, but he refused the invitation to immediately review the report based upon pending commitments.

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On the morning of 1/18/77, the DCO and those assisting him met with the Task Force and considered paraphrasing all classified portions of the report to enable preparation of a releasable public report. Paraphrasing was necessary to protect extremely sensitive sources who have furnished information regarding King's communist associates. While all classification standards were invoked, the DCO has concern that public release of the report, even in its paraphrased form, could through logical speculation be detrimental to the security of our sources. The Task Force and the DCO differed on three pages of the sanitized report relating to a sensitive technique effected on a communist associate of King's. An impasse was reached and the DCO stated he would not declassify and if the Task Force objected, they could refer the matter to the Department Review Committee (DRC), which has overall responsibility for classifications within the Department. The DRC Chairman refused to call a special meeting but agreed to discuss the classification dispute at its regular meeting at 3 p.m. At the regular DRC meeting, the Criminal Division representative to the DRC challenged the Task Force as to its use of the work "illegal" in describing a national security surreptitious entry. The DRC indicated although it was not going to make a decision regarding the legality of such techniques, it believed the issue of illegality was debatable and had not been resolved as Department policy. The DRC concurred generally with the arguments relating to classification presented by the FBI DCO, and the Task Force agreed to attempt to further paraphrase and sanitize the three pages in question. This was done immediately and the DCO approved the sanitized paraphrased version prepared by the Task Force as unclassified. Chairman of the Task Force indicated he would clear final version of sanitized report through Bureau and desired concurrence in its release by Mr. Adams' office.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Division

January 26, 1977

1 - Mr. Deegan  
1 - Mr. Nugent  
1 - Mr. Thornton  
1 - Mr. Mintz  
(Attn: Mr. Harmon)

Assistant Director - Legal Counsel  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-1185

Enclosed is a memorandum advising of dissemination to the Department of Justice of information obtained during this Bureau's electronic surveillances of Martin Luther King, Jr. As indicated therein, the obtaining and dissemination of such data is an issue in this matter.

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NOTE: Civil Action No. 76-1185 filed on 6/25/76 seeks \$1 million from Mr. Kelley, Mr. DeLoach, Mr. William C. Sullivan, Mr. John P. Mohr, executor of the estate of Clyde A. Tolson, deceased, and two unknown FBI Agents. This suit seeks to compel the FBI to furnish the courts with all tape recordings, transcripts, and memoranda resulting from tapes of the plaintiff's conversations.

Departmental Attorney Benjamin C. Flannagan has requested that he be furnished data concerned with all instances wherein overhears of Lee were disseminated. This has been coordinated with SA P. Grant Harmon of the Legal Counsel Division. SA V. R. Thornton of the General Investigative Division listened to the edited composite tape recording of highlights of the Willard Hotel incident and activities of King at the Hyatt House Hotel.

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Mr. Harmon)

**BERNARD S. LEE v. CLARENCE M. KELLEY  
ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION  
NO. 76-1185**

The original complaint in this matter alleges that plaintiff and a number of other persons, in the Spring of 1963, met in a private room rented by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., for the purpose of assembling to petition their Government for redress of the civil rights of minorities. It further alleges this session was bugged and tape recorded by the defendants, or some of them, and that a copy of said tape was mailed anonymously to Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., about November 1, 1964, thereby disclosing the contents of this tape recording. It further alleges that this and other tape recordings of activity involving plaintiff Lee have been disclosed or published to persons outside the FBI and the Government.

By memorandum dated October 28, 1976, the Department of Justice was furnished information concerning overhears of Bernard S. Lee resulting from electronic surveillance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by this Bureau. Additionally, you were advised that a review of investigative files relating to King produced no positive evidence which would indicate that a tape of the events at the Willard Hotel which occurred on January 5-7, 1964, has ever been played to anyone or heard by anyone outside the FBI, with the exception of J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice. Mr. Pottinger, on the authority of the Attorney General, listened to one tape from the Willard Hotel electronic surveillance of King. This tape and a number of transcripts were reviewed by Mr. Pottinger on December 19, 1975. A review of the entire transcript of the Willard Hotel activity involving King clearly reveals that plaintiff Lee was overheard on that occasion.

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**BERNARD S. LEE v. CLARENCE M. KELLEY**

In May, 1976, the Attorney General directed a Task Force, from the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Department of Justice, to review the FBI's previous investigations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On November 29-30, 1976, Task Force Leader Fred G. Folsom, together with Task Force Representatives, William White, Joseph Gross, James Walker, and James Kieckhefer reviewed the following tape recordings obtained during the Bureau's electronic surveillances of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

1. Portions of an edited composite tape recording of highlights of the Willard Hotel incident and activities of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Hyatt House Hotel, Los Angeles, California, during the period July 8-9, 1964.

2. Tape recording of conversation between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his wife on May 31, 1964.

3. Reels numbered 1 through 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14, of the Willard Hotel incident.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson requested all information concerning King, which had previously been furnished the White House, in possession of the FBI. In response, copies of all FBI communications previously furnished to the White House on King were consolidated into six volumes entitled "Communications Concerning Martin Luther King, Jr." Volumes 3 and 4 of this communication contain transcripts which correspond to the above-listed tapes. These volumes were reviewed by Task Force Representatives for verification purposes. Volume 3, section captioned "Information Developed at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., January 5-7, 1964" and Volume 4, sections captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr., Statler Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, March 18-20, 1964;" "Information Developed at the Americana Hotel, New York City, New York, January 21-23, 1966;" and "Information Developed at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, February 18-20, 1964" contain transcripts of overhears of plaintiff Lee.

**BERNARD S. LEE v. CLARENCE M. KELLEY**

On January 18, 1977, a Special Agent of this Bureau, who is not familiar with plaintiff Lee's voice, listened to an edited composite tape recording of highlights of the Willard Hotel incident and activities of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Hyatt House Hotel, Los Angeles, California, during the period July 8-9, 1964, in an attempt to identify plaintiff Lee as one of the individuals overheard on the tape. It could not be determined whether plaintiff Lee was overheard during the monitoring of King at the Hyatt House Hotel.

It was determined that portions of the tape dealing with the Willard Hotel incident contain both audible and inaudible conversations among as few as two individuals

None of those involved in the conversations are addressed as "Bernard" or "Lee" and plaintiff Lee cannot therefore be identified as an individual whose voice appears on this tape.



Plaintiff Lee was not overheard on the May 31, 1964, tape recording of conversations between Martin Luther King, Jr., and his wife.

Our search of logical Bureau files in an attempt to retrieve additional overhears of Lee and dissemination of same is continuing and you will be advised of the results.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: Budget & Accounting Section *JAB/ksf*

DATE: 1/20/77

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (44-696) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;  
COST DATA

Re Knoxville letter 9/1/76, and Bureau routing slip 1/14/77.

For information of Bureau, referenced letter dated 9/1/76 reflects cost data re captioned matter. No other costs incurred in this matter since letter submitted 9/1/76. In view of this, no further monthly tabulations being submitted UACB.

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  - 1 - Mr. Peelman
- January 21, 1977

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REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE TO  
REVIEW THE FBI-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., SECURITY  
AND ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATIONS

All information contained in this letter is  
unclassified unless otherwise indicated.

By my memorandum dated January 17, 1977, I  
confirmed to Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, Office  
of Professional Responsibility, the receipt of captioned  
report and its appendices.

On January 17, 1977, a conference was held with  
Mr. Shaheen, Task Force Leader Fred G. Polson, Jr., and  
members of his Task Force and Inspector, Deputy Assistant  
Director James O. Ingram; Section Chiefs Joseph G. Deegan  
and James S. Peelman; and members of their respective staffs  
in the General Investigative Division and representatives of  
our Intelligence Division; and our Records Management Division  
(Document Classification Officer and Privacy Act Representa-  
tives).

Mr. Shaheen advised that corrections of patent  
errors in the report could be made during this conference  
and any additional observations could be submitted to the  
Department in writing.

In addition to the errors noted, the following  
observations are being set forth concerning this Task Force  
report for your consideration and evaluation:

The Assassination Investigation

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On page 101 the Task Force states that, "The Bureau  
apparently discounted the significance of any contact between  
Ray and his family . . . the Bureau should have pursued  
this line of investigation more thoroughly." On page 105  
the Task Force states, "Thus, at least one family member,  
Jerry, had lied to the FBI and had become subject to federal  
criminal charges for aiding a fugitive. He was never con-

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fronted with these facts by the Bureau." On page 106 the Task Force states that, "We concluded that the FBI abandoned a significant opportunity to obtain answers from family members concerning some of the important questions about James Earl Ray which still remain."

On page 109, the Task Force states, "Fourth, it is true that the Task Force unearthed some new data - data which answers some persistent questions and which the FBI did not seek. But the Bureau concentrated on the principal in the case and much was not considered important to his discovery and apprehension; we find no dishonesty in this." "By hindsight the Task Force believes Jerry and John Ray (Ray's brothers) could have been effectively interrogated further to learn their knowledge, if any, of James Earl Ray's plans, his finances and whether they helped him after King's death." (page 110).

Our observations concerning the above statements by the Task Force are that family members were interviewed by the FBI approximately 50 times from April to June of 1968. Additionally, toll records were reviewed and contacts identified in the case of Carol Pepper, (Ray's sister), and the Grapevine Tavern, owned by Pepper and run by John Larry Ray. Bank records were also checked regarding Carol Pepper, John Larry Ray and Jerry Ryans (Ray's father). Neighborhood sources had also been developed and credit records were checked. These family members were interviewed for any information concerning Ray's background and location.

Jerry Ray was interviewed, for example, at least 10 times between April 19, 1968 and May 1, 1968. He was interviewed for all background concerning the Ray family, his contact with Ray and his source of money, was confronted about certain false information he had furnished, and was advised of the provisions of the Harboring Statute.

John Ray was interviewed, for example, at least four times between April 22, 1968, and May 4, 1968, for background information, whereabouts of Ray and his source of money, and was advised of the provisions of the Harboring Statute.

While Ray was a fugitive the FBI requested the Department by memorandum dated May 13, 1968, to approve a technical surveillance at the residence of Pepper and Grapevine Tavern. The Department took no action on this request and the FBI withdrew this request by memorandum dated June 11, 1968, after Ray was apprehended.

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The Task Force itself notes our previous investigation concerning Ray's family on page 59 wherein it states, "In connection with this search, Ray's family was identified, located, physically surveilled and periodically interviewed for information."

Our observations concerning our extensive previous investigation concerning Ray's family were brought to the attention of Mr. Shaheen and the Task Force on January 17, 1977, for their consideration and evaluation. It is further noted that all of our investigative results, including those involving Ray's family, were promptly furnished to the Civil Rights Division for its consideration as to whether any additional Federal action was warranted.

On page 110 of this report the Task Force states, "Finally, the Task Force observed instances of FBI Headquarter's reluctance to provide the Civil Rights Division and the Attorney General with timely reports on the course of the murder investigation. For example, early in the investigation in a reaction to a press report of Attorney General Clark's expectation of making a progress report to the nation, FBI Director Hoover wrote: 'We are not going to make any progress reports.'"

In its "Recommendations" - "As To The Murder Investigation" the Task Force states:

(1) "The progress of such sensitive cases as the King murder investigation and the development of legally sufficient evidence to sustain prosecution are properly the ultimate responsibility of the Division of the Department having supervision of the kind of criminal prosecution involved. The Division head should delineate what progress reports he wishes. The Bureau should not be permitted to manipulate its submission of reports to serve its purposes, such as the protection of its public relation efforts, or the prevention of the responsible Division of the Department from causing the Bureau to pursue a line of inquiry which the Bureau does not approve. The Attorney General and his assistants are the officers most accountable to the electorate and they, not the police agency, must maintain effective supervision." (page 143).

Observations were made to Mr. Shaheen and the Task Force on January 17, 1977, for their consideration and evaluation, that timely reports were submitted to the Department even though they may have not been labeled "progress reports." It is further noted, as an example, that between April 5, 1968 and April 17, 1968, (the date the complaint

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was filed in Birmingham, Alabama, discussed hereafter) at least nine memoranda were furnished by the Director of the FBI to the Department concerning the developments of this investigation. Additional pertinent memoranda, of course, continued thereafter on a timely basis. Our Field Offices also submitted timely reports which were furnished to the Department and the following are several examples: A Memphis report dated April 17, 1968, consisting of 185 pages was furnished to the Civil Rights Division (CRD) on May 6, 1968; an Atlanta report dated April 18, 1968, consisting of 128 pages was furnished to the CRD on May 6, 1968; a Birmingham report dated April 17, 1968, consisting of 176 pages was furnished to the CRD on May 6, 1968. Additional reports from our Field Offices continued to be furnished to the Department on a timely basis. It is further noted that it appears "progress reports" to the nation would have been inadvisable and the Task Force in effect answers this issue on page 106 where it cites Departmental rules against disclosure of raw investigative files. The FBI was investigating a criminal matter and reports were submitted on a timely basis to the Department for its consideration as to whether any Federal action was warranted. The Department could have issued its own "progress reports" based upon the timely reports submitted by the FBI.

In its "recommendations" on page 144, the Task Force states:

(2) "As a corollary of our espousal of tighter Department authority over the FBI, we recommend that the Bureau's public relations activities and press relations be controlled by the Attorney General's Office of Public Information. Clear directives to prevent the development of personality cults around particular Bureau Directors and officials should be drawn. Bureau press releases should be cleared through the Office of Public Information."

It is noted that in the assassination investigation the Director instructed that "no comment" be made during this investigation. When it was necessary to make a major press release in the assassination investigation, it was made with the approval of the Attorney General and was made jointly with the Attorney General.

Departmental Order #24-60 issued September 8, 1933, and periodically restated instructs that "All publicity, whether relating to cases pending or to administrative, business or policy, must be authorized and given to the press through the Office of the Attorney General." The implementation of these instructions is carried out through

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the Public Information Office of the Department of Justice. Continuous liaison is maintained with the Public Information Office by the External Affairs Division of the FBI and there have been no problems with this arrangement. All press releases, issued by FBI Headquarters, are cleared through the Department's Office of Public Information, as provided for under Departmental Orders.

On page 110, the Task Force states, "The Bureau's preparation and filing of the criminal complaint against "Galt" on April 17, 1968, before a U.S. Commissioner at Birmingham without first clearing with the Department, and the after-the-fact submission to the Attorney General of a draft press release about the complaint are illustrative of the Bureau's disdain for Department supervision (HQ 44-38861-1555, 1565)."

Also in its "recommendations", the Task Force states on page 144:

(3) "The Task Force recommends that no criminal action in sensitive cases should be instituted by the FBI without Departmental approval which would include, in appropriate cases, the approval of the United States Attorneys Offices."

Observations were made to the Task Force on January 17, 1977, that the FBI file on the civil rights assassination investigation (serial 44-38861-1555) reflects the Attorney General authorized the filing of the complaint, and serial 44-38861-2323 reflects the United States Attorney's Office, Birmingham, authorized the filing of the complaint. Mr. Folsom stated the Task Force would take this under review. It is further noted that although the name of the Special Agent(s) of the FBI who contacted the Department is not set forth, serial 44-38861-1555 (a FBI memorandum) reports that on April 16, 1968, the Attorney General authorized the filing of a complaint charging Eric Starvo Galt (an alias for Ray) with violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241 (Civil Rights Conspiracy Statute). Serial 44-38861-2323, (a Birmingham FBI report) reports that on April 17, 1968, the facts of this matter were discussed by the FBI with Assistant United States Attorney R. Macey Taylor, Birmingham, Alabama, who authorized the filing of a complaint charging Eric Starvo Galt for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241. Serial 44-38861-2323 further reports that a complaint was thereafter filed before United States Commissioner Mildred P. Sprague, Birmingham,

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on April 17, 1968. It is further noted that in 1968 and up to and including the present time, it was Departmental policy in civil rights matters to obtain authorization from the Department prior to instituting "criminal action" (instituting Federal process such as filing a complaint or seeking an indictment, etc.). Also it was the policy of the FBI in 1968 and up to and including the present time to obtain the authorization of the Department and/or the appropriate U. S. Attorney's Office prior to the institution of any Federal process.

The last "recommendation" concerning the assassination investigation on pages 144-145 states:

(4) "It was observed that almost no blacks were in the FBI Special Agent's corp in the 1960's and none in the Bureau's hierarchy. This undoubtedly had the effect of limiting not only the outlook and understanding of the problems of race relations, but also must have hindered the ability of investigators to communicate fully with blacks during the murder investigation. By way of illustration had there been black Agents in the Memphis field office participating fully in the investigation of Dr. King's murder, it is unlikely that the interviews with at least three black members of the Memphis Police and Fire Department would have been overlooked. It is also very probable that black citizen 'lead' input would have been greater." This appears to be more of an opinion or observation rather than a "recommendation."

This recommendation makes reference to three black members of the Memphis Police and Fire Department whose removal from assignment at a fire station, a surveillance lookout of the motel where Dr. King was staying, was reported as a basis for the House Select Committee to investigate the assassination of Dr. King. (pages 26 and 33). This Task Force report examines the basis for the removal of the black detective concerning a reported threat on his life and also states on page 37 that, "Our investigation has not disclosed any evidence that the detail of Wallace and Newsom (the two black firemen) was in any way connected with the assassination of Dr. King." It is further noted that based upon a request of the Civil Rights Division in September of 1968, we conducted certain investigation concerning the information regarding the removal of this detective and firemen. Although we did not interview these three individuals, we did furnish results of our investigation regarding their removal to the Civil Rights Division by memorandum dated November 21, 1968, and no additional investigation was requested.

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The Security Investigation

The following observations concerning the section of OPR's report which deals with the FBI's security investigation of King were brought to the attention of Department representatives at the above mentioned meeting on January 17, 1977, at FBIHQ.

General Observations

(1) In a number of instances the Task Force report refers to "The Deegan File," a cabinet which contained sensitive documents and tapes in the King security investigation. The Bureau uses no such terminology to describe this material. Documents and tapes in this cabinet are properly charged out of official Bureau files and are merely stored in a cabinet located in the office of Mr. Deegan, Chief of the Domestic Security Section, General Investigative Division.

(2) The Task Force report fails to show that the personal life and character of King were significant in making an intelligence assessment of King. This factor stressed by SA [REDACTED] during interview by OPR, is also omitted in the recorded interview which is contained in Appendix B. b7(c)

(3) The OPR report makes no recognition of the "tenor of the times" during which King was investigated. Those were the years of considerable racial strife throughout the nation, when subversive and other disruptive elements were attempting to capitalize for their own advantage on the social awakening in our country and on the civil rights issue.

Specific Observations

(1) Page 127 - Concerns installation by the New York Field Office on January 21-24, 1966, of a microphone surveillance against King at the Americana Hotel. It should be noted that documentation for this information is in FBIHQ file 100-106670-2224X rather than 2224 as indicated in the OPR report. The Task Force report states that Assistant to the Director DeLoach ordered the microphone removed at once and advised the Director that "no one here" approved the coverage. A review of this serial indicates these instructions were written by Mr. Tolson and not DeLoach. The OPR report indicates Mr. Sullivan authorized this coverage, but a review of the serial fails to indicate clearly who

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actually made the authorization. On page 128 the report implies that coverage continued after the microphone was ordered removed. There is no such indication in the Bureau files as to the amount of time that lapsed following instructions to remove the surveillance to when actually removed. Therefore, there is no way to determine if surveillance continued in violation of instructions.

(2) Pages 138-139 - In a discussion of Bureau policy concerning surreptitious entries, the Task Force notes that "such approval was granted with respect to Mr. Levison and Dr. King" (page 139). This implies that the Bureau conducted surreptitious entries against King. There were no surreptitious entries as such conducted against King. In installing some microphone surveillances against King, however, trespass was necessary. (Secret)

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(4) Page 146 - The report identifies four Bureau officials who ordered and directed counterintelligence activity and "illicit" dissemination of investigative data to discredit King. It was pointed out to Department officials that identification of present or former Bureau officials responsible for actions against King could jeopardize their personal safety.

The below additional observations, not made during the conference on January 17, 1977, are submitted for consideration of the Department:

(1) Page 112 - The report indicates that Mr. Alex Rosen, Assistant Director of the General Investigative Division, advised Mr. Hoover of information concerning King, as reported in a memorandum from Scatterday to Rosen dated May 22, 1961. A review of this document reveals that Rosen's initials are not on it or is there any indication Rosen was aware of the memorandum. Therefore, there is no indication that Mr. Rosen advised the Director of such information, although it is acknowledged that Mr. Hoover was made aware of the information.

(2) Pages 120 and 124 - In these two instances the OPR report indicates that investigation of King and SCLC was predicated on belief they were under influence

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of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA). It should be noted that King and SCLC were investigated for communist influence and not just for influence of the CPUSA.

(3) Page 126 - The report refers to informant symbol numbers assigned to microphone surveillances of King. The Department should note that informant symbol numbers are used internally to control and administer informant operation and are not disseminated outside of the FBI.

(4) Page 126 - The report states that the persistent controversy between King and Mr. Hoover was a major factor in the Bureau's determination to discredit King and ultimately destroy his leadership role in the civil rights movement. The report fails to acknowledge that the primary factor in investigating King was the national interest and not the Hoover - King controversy.

(5) Page 134 - With respect to a recommended counterintelligence proposal by the Atlanta Office, the report states the Task Force was unable to determine whether such actions were undertaken since they were neither approved nor disapproved by the Director. It should be noted that the Bureau communication acknowledging receipt of the proposal from Atlanta further instructed that Atlanta would be advised if such a counterintelligence tactic was to be utilized in the future. This additional information is omitted from the OPR report and there is nothing in the files to reveal any approval of the tactic.

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(7) The OPR report fails to recognize one other important factor in the Bureau's recognition of King as a security risk. This concerns the fact that King was warned at the highest levels of Government (President and Attorney General) that he should discontinue his association with communists to prevent harm to his movement. His continued association with communists indicates King chose to ignore this responsible advice.

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While this Bureau's Document Classification Officer (Security Officer) has carefully reviewed and classified on a paragraph-by-paragraph basis the Task Force's "Top Secret" report, he has noted the information in this report is extremely sensitive and if compromised could cause exceptionally grave damage to the national security. Additionally, while the Document Classification Officer has invoked what in his opinion are all available standards relating to areas of classification, in assisting the Task Force in preparing sanitized version of the report, nonetheless because of previously-released information there is concern through logical speculation and processes of elimination that disclosure of the sanitized report could jeopardize this Bureau's sources and methods of intelligence.

- 1 - Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
Counsel, Office of  
Professional Responsibility

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 1/20/77  
 ATTN: BUDGET & ACCOUNTING SECTION *JAB/ST*  
 FROM : *J/G* JAY A. BRIXEY  
 SAC, PHOENIX (44-371)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
 COST DATA

Re Bureau Routing Slip 1/14/77.

The Phoenix Office has spent no time on captioned matter during the month of November or December, 1976.

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ATTENTION J. A. BRIKEY, BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ~~SAB/CSF~~

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW. COST DATA.

RE SAN DIEGO AIRTEL TO BUREAU, ATTENTION: DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JAMES O. INGRAM, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, DATED OCTOBER 18, 1976.

IN REGARD TO COSTS INCURRED IN CAPTIONED MATTER FOR PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1976:

1. MANPOWER: NONE.
2. UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE. ~~105~~

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ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 6, 1976.

MANPOWER AND UNUSUAL COST EXPENDITURES BY WASHINGTON  
FIELD REGARDING CAPTIONED PROJECT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER,  
1976, ARE SET FORTH AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) MANPOWER: NONE.
- (2) UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE.

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# Memorandum

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DATE: M. W. E. D.

TO : Clarence M. Kelley, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
Office of Professional Responsibility

SUBJECT: Report of the Department of Justice Task Force to  
Review the FBI-Martin Luther King, Jr. Security  
and Assassination Investigations

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FBI/DOJ

By his memorandum of April 26, 1976, the Attorney General directed the Office of Professional Responsibility to complete a review of all records in the Department of Justice concerning the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In ordering this review of all documents the Attorney General requested that answers to four specific questions be furnished to him and you. Specifically, the Attorney General requested to know:

- (1) Whether the FBI investigation of Dr. King's assassination was thorough and honest;
- (2) Whether there is any evidence that the FBI was involved in the assassination of Dr. King;
- (3) Whether, in light of the first two matters, there is any new evidence which has come to the attention of the Department concerning the assassination of Dr. King;
- (4) Whether the relationship between the Bureau and Dr. King calls for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary proceedings, or other appropriate action.

I transmit herewith three copies of the report of the special Task Force that was formed for the review Mr. Levi requested and to respond to the questions he asked.

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I wish to advise you that the report and appendices are to be classified Top Secret by the Bureau. Accordingly, these materials should be handled as so classified. Also,

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I would appreciate knowing the names of those you intend to designate to classify these materials and to assist the Task Force in preparing a publicly releaseable report that is protective of privacy rights, sensitive sources and methods and classification concerns.

The Attorney General has been given three copies of the report and you are being provided with three copies. This Office retains four copies and the Task Force possesses the original report and five copies. This information is provided for your use in directing the dispatch of the Bureau individual(s) who will classify the report and its copies.

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# Memorandum

TO : R.J. Gallagher *57*

FROM : J.G. Deegan *4*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. Adams  
1 - Mr. Gallagher  
1 - Mr. Ingram

DATE: 1/17/77

1 - Mr. Deegan  
1 - Mr. Thornton

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By memorandum dated 1/12/77, Michael E. Shaheen, Counsel Office of Professional Responsibility, Department of Justice transmitted three copies of the report of the Task Force to review the FBI - Martin Luther King, Jr., security and assassination investigations to the Director.

On 1/17/77, one copy of this report was returned to Mr. Shaheen, by SA Vernon R. Thornton, Domestic Security Section, General Investigative Division, at Mr. Shaheen's request.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN  
OO: ME

*Martin Luther King*

Enclosed for the Bureau are 6 copies of an LHM captioned [redacted] Black Lick, Ohio.

Enclosed for Memphis is one copy of LHM for information.

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Additional copies of the LHM have been furnished the Bureau should the Bureau desire to forward copies to Legat, Ottawa.

Cincinnati indices regarding [redacted] negative.

No further investigation is being contemplated by Cincinnati UACB. Cincinnati is placing this case in RUC status.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio

January 11, 1977

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No

RE:

[REDACTED]

Black Lick, Ohio

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On January 6, 1977, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation after [REDACTED] had previously telephonically contacted the Columbus Resident Agency stating he had information concerning the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The results of the interview with [REDACTED] are set forth as follows:

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency



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[REDACTED] Black Lick, Ohio, telephone number [REDACTED] is currently employed as [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] Columbus, Ohio. [REDACTED] stated he was formerly a [REDACTED] and had attended [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Columbus, Ohio, but withdrew due to ill health. [REDACTED] was interviewed at his place of residence and after being apprised as to the official identities of the interviewing Agents furnished the following information:

When questioned as to why information concerning the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING had not been brought to the attention of the proper authorities, [REDACTED] advised that he did not call the FBI in view of the fact he assumed that the information he had received was already known by the Bureau. [REDACTED] further stated that he had contacted several news agencies during the time immediately following his receipt of this information, none of which were interested in any information concerning the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING. [REDACTED] stated that he is bringing the information he learned to the attention of the FBI at this time in view of the fact that Congress has expressed an interest in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING and was currently conducting investigations regarding KING's death.

[REDACTED] stated that he and his wife [REDACTED] also present during the interview, own approximately 240 acres of land near Iron Bridge, Ontario, Canada, which he had purchased from [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED] Iron Bridge, Ontario, Canada, where he and his wife spend several weeks each year hunting and fishing. [REDACTED] related that in October 1967, while visiting the cabin of [REDACTED] (currently owns approximately five acres of land adjacent to [REDACTED] property), he and his wife observed three men leaving the hunting cabin. [REDACTED] stated that these individuals had just completed a hunting trip utilizing as their guide, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he later learned that one of these individuals was reportedly a Federal Judge from Louisiana named BRIGHAM YOUNG and the other two lawyers, names not known.

Interviewed on 1/6/77 at Black Lick, Ohio File # 157-1893  
 SAs [REDACTED] b7C  
 by [REDACTED] Date dictated 1/7/77

██████████ stated that he particularly remembers the name BRIGHAM YOUNG since he is familiar with the Mormon Church and its founder BRIGHAM YOUNG and said that his wife also recalled the name BRIGHAM YOUNG. ██████████ stated that he thought nothing of seeing these individuals at the cabin in view of the fact that he and his wife frequently see hunters at the ██████████ cabin in that ██████████ is a well-known hunting guide in the Iron Bridge area. ██████████ stated that both ██████████ and ██████████ utilize old logging cabins on his property and property owned by the Canadian Government in a 50 mile radius of his property for hunting expeditions.

██████████ advised that in October 1968 he and his wife were hunting with ██████████ when they were reminded of the three individuals they had seen the previous year by ██████████ stated that ██████████ asked "do you remember when you were coming to my place in '67 and those three SOBs were leaving, did you notice they were acting funny?" ██████████ stated that ██████████ went on to say that ██████████ had said that these men had offered him ██████████ money to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. while they were sitting in ██████████ cabin (the ██████████ cabin is located on property in the vicinity of the property owned by ██████████ and ██████████ had kicked them out. ██████████ stated that ██████████ then related the following which ██████████ stated ██████████ had told him:

██████████ stated that BRIGHAM YOUNG had contracted him to guide a party of three men on a hunting trip in the bush around Iron Bridge, Ontario. ██████████ stated that YOUNG wanted to hunt but the two other men seemed to have no interest in hunting and that they wanted to stay in the cabin. The two men had been in the cabin approximately three days and had 'not picked up a gun.' On the third day they were sitting in the cabin when YOUNG made the comment to ██████████ 'would you like to be a millionaire?' ██████████ stated he wouldn't mind being a millionaire at which time YOUNG again stated 'I can make you a millionaire ██████████ but you've got to do a job for me.' ██████████ stated that at this point he became suspicious and somewhat angry but began to ask questions and play along. ██████████ stated



that YOUNG said 'we want MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. killed and we could pay you a million dollars for killing KING.' YOUNG went on to state 'we don't have the money with us but we could get the money for you if you agree to do it.' YOUNG continued 'we would give you 1/3 now, 1/3 when you kill KING, and after safe passage to another country of your choice where you will receive the remaining 1/3 at which time you will be on your own.' ██████████ stated that at this point he became extremely angry and threw the men out of the cabin telling them never to return."

██████████ related that ██████████ is approximately 80 years old, is in excellent physical condition, and is in his opinion a well-educated individual "who reads the Wall Street Journal daily." ██████████ further advised that ██████████ is employed as a guide in the Iron Bridge area and also is a guard for a gold mine approximately 25 miles from Iron Bridge near the Little White River. ██████████ further advised that ██████████ is "a very private individual who wouldn't talk to you unless he knows you very well" and in fact, ██████████ has never related the aforementioned incident to him ██████████ or anyone except ██████████ due to the best of his knowledge.

██████████ further advised that he does not think that ██████████ has related this story to anyone else although he is not sure.

██████████ described ██████████ and the two other men as white males, all in middle age, all huskily built, 180 to 200 pounds.

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Gallagher

DATE: 1/10/77

FROM : J. G. Deegan

- 1 - J. B. Adams
- 1 - R. J. Gallagher
- 1 - J. O. Ingram
- 1 - J. G. Deegan
- 1 - J. T. Aldhizer
- 1 - V. R. Thornton
- 1 - T. W. Leavitt (Attn: M. J. Steinbeck)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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**PURPOSE:** To furnish excerpts from the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Report regarding our investigations of Martin Luther King, Jr.

**RECOMMENDATION:** None. For information.

**APPROVED:**

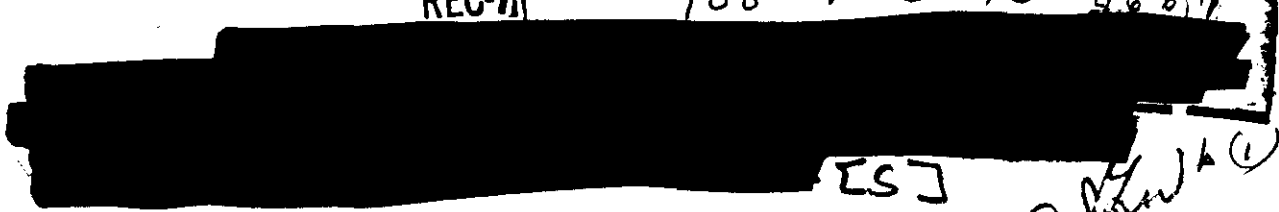
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**DETAILS:** A Task Force of the OPR is concluding a review, which began in May, 1976, of our files at FBIHQ and in the field concerning our investigation of King's assassination, his security investigation, and other files relating to communist influence in the civil rights movement.

On January 7, 1977, Fred Folsom, Task Force Leader, OPR, Department of Justice, made available excerpts from the OPR Task Force Report concerning the FBI's investigations of King, which will be submitted to the Attorney General (possibly on January 10, 1977). Folsom stated he was providing this information as a courtesy and to give the Bureau advance notice on information in this report which may tend to identify Bureau sources. Folsom reiterated that, prior to any public release of this report, it would be furnished the Bureau for review for purposes of classification and informant protection excisions.



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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

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(1) "This characterization of Levison was provided by a Bureau informant regarded by them as most sensitive and reliable. The Task Force was privy to this characterization through both our file review and our September 2, 1976, conference with representatives of the Bureau's Intelligence Division. For security purposes the source's identity was not revealed to the Task Force. Therefore, the veracity of the informant and the characterization is a remaining question."



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- 1 - Mr. Held
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Levitt
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- 1 - Mr. Deegan
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Aldhizer
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Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility

January 17, 1977

Director, FBI

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REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE FBI-  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY  
AND ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATIONS

Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 12, 1977, captioned as above, which transmitted three copies of the report of the Department's Special Task Force concerning this Bureau's security investigation and assassination investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr.

This is to confirm receipt of those reports less Appendices 12, 17, 18 and C and to outline certain areas of agreement and concern discussed subsequent to its receipt at a conference on January 13, 1977, with you; Task Force leader Fred Folsom; other members of your staff; and Inspector, Deputy Assistant Director James O. Ingram; Section Chiefs Joseph G. Deegan and James S. Peelman; and members of their respective staffs in the General Investigative Division.

WJ

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As agreed to at the conference, this report is to be classified "Top Secret" by the Department with assistance, insofar as Bureau data appearing therein is concerned, to be furnished by Special Agent (SA) David Ryan, this Bureau's Document Classification Officer (Security Officer). Mr. Ryan will be assisted by additional Agent personnel of this Bureau familiar with both investigations of King.

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Your memorandum of January 12, 1977, also requests the identities of Bureau personnel who will assist the Task Force in preparation of a publicly releasable report that is protective of privacy rights, sensitive sources and methods. The following individuals have been designated to assist the Task Force in this regard: Section Chiefs Joseph G. Deegan and James S. Peelman and selected members of their respective staffs

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Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility

in the General Investigative Division. They will be assisted by SA [redacted] of the Planning and Inspection Division, Richard C. Dennis, Jr., of the Records Management Division and SA Michael J. Steinbeck of the Intelligence Division. b7(c)

The above individuals, in accordance with discussion at the January 13, 1977, conference, will also assist in reviewing the report's Appendices.

As noted during the conference, the Task Force's report is being considered an uncompleted document pending its review by this Bureau in accordance with the above. Review of the report has been undertaken and Bureau personnel assigned will be available to the Department as the need arises for consultation in any areas of additional concern. An additional meeting, to involve further discussion of the report, has been scheduled for the afternoon of January 17, 1977, in accordance with your request.

NOTE:

A Task Force from the OPR is concluding a review, which began in May, 1976, of our files at FBIHQ and in the field concerning our investigations of King. The findings of the Task Force have been included in a report which is now in our possession. This report is being reviewed by knowledgeable personnel concerning classification, privacy rights, sensitive sources and methods and inaccuracies. During the 1/13/77 meeting with OPR Task Force personnel, it was established that due to the expedite basis of this report, Xerox copies would have to be made. These copies have been made and given to Section Chiefs Deegan and Peelman, with strict accountability procedures. It is to be noted that Appendices 12, 17, and 18 constitute Bureau documents. These documents were not made available to Justice Department staff personnel or in the copies furnished the Bureau because of their sensitivity and in attempt to prevent any premature dissemination of information contained therein. The report furnished the Attorney General contains these appendices as well as Appendix C, which was also not made available to the Bureau because of its bulky nature. Appendix C consists of notes from Bureau files and records from other sources compiled by the Department's Task Force in the preparation of this report.

APPROVED:

*[Signature]*

Director *[Signature]*  
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Date: 1/7/77

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

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FROM: SAC, JACKSON (100-2301) (P)

*gsl/yla*

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype to all SACs 8/6/76.

No costs were incurred by the Jackson Division during the month of December, 1976.

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Approved: H/zer Special Agent in Charge. Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) DATE: 1/4/77  
 Attention: Budget and Accounting Section,  
 Finance and Personnel Division

FROM : SAC, BUTTE (100-9533) (RUC) *gab/jk*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
 COST DATA

Re Butte letter to Bureau, 12/2/76.  
 No cost for 12/76.

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# Memorandum

## ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. Leavitt *W/O*

DATE: 1/6/77

FROM : W. O. Cregar *W/O*

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Leavitt
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Cregar
- 1 - Mr. Steinbeck
- 1 - Mr. Thornton
- 1 - Mr. Aldhizer

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_
- Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_
- Asst. Dir.:
- Adm. Serv. \_\_\_\_\_
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- Intell. *W/O*
- Laboratory \_\_\_\_\_
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EXTENDED BY: *SP4 J am/lu*

REASON FOR EXTENSION: *6076*

FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2: *6076*

DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION: *1-6-97*

MEETING WITH OPR: This meeting was held at 2 p.m. on 1/5/77 at the Task Force Office, Room 859, Safeway Building. Attending were OPR Counsel Michael Shaheen, Task Force Leader Fred Folsom, Task Force Attorneys James Walker, William White, Joseph Gross and James Kieckhefer, Deputy Assistant Director W. O. Cregar, Intelligence Division and J. T. Aldhizer, General Investigative Division. [U]

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## ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



Cregar to Leavitt Memorandum  
Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

See [handwritten mark]

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ACTION: None. For information and record purposes. [U]

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APPROVED:

Director.....  
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Dep. AD Adm.....  
Dep. AD Inv.....

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Date: 12/29/76

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-2434) (C)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
EXTREMIST MATTER

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

FD-376 attached in view of information contained in LHM re planned demonstration at White House.

Local dissemination of LHM to Secret Service, Miami, and information copy of LHM being furnished Atlanta as a matter of possible interest to that division.

UACB, no further investigation being conducted in this matter by Miami Division.

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- 1-Atlanta (100-5586) (Enc. 1) (RM) (info)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 29, 1976

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20223

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2434

RE: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.  
EXTREMIST MATTER

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1.  Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2.  Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3.  Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4.  Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5.  Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6.  Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7.  Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph  has been furnished  enclosed  is not available.

Very truly yours,

  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida

December 29, 1976

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2434

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.  
EXTREMIST MATTER

On December 22, 1976, PAT KEOHANE, Chief Correctional Supervisor, Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), Perrine, Florida, advised the following information was developed by a member of his staff during a recent conversation with an inmate ROBERT BYRON WATSON, Number [REDACTED] regarding his failure to adhere to FCI mailing procedures. b7(c)

WATSON, who was sentenced to six years on October 6, 1972, for violation of Federal Narcotics Laws, indicated that he expected to be released from the prison prior to the inception of his full term as a result of a demonstration to be conducted in his behalf by DICK GREGORY at the White House. He requested to be confined to the FCI Segregation Unit in protective custody during the last week of January, 1977, since it is then that the demonstration will take place.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as DICK GREGORY, is a well known nightclub entertainer and civil rights activist who recently has turned his attentions to the re-investigation of the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. assassination.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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ENCLOSURE

RE: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.  
EXTREMIST MATTER

Records of the FCI revealed that in 1976, A. REGINALD EAVES, Public Safety Commissioner, Atlanta, Georgia, commenced an investigation after GREGORY supplied him with a forty-two page statement attributed to WATSON by his mother, regarding the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. assassination. EAVES indicated that he planned to return the results of his investigation over to a correctional committee.

WATSON's statement contained an allegation that in 1968, while he was employed at Magellans Art Gallery in Atlanta, Georgia, he overheard GENE PURCELL and JERRY ADAMS, co-owners of the establishment, planning to kill KING approximately one week before the assassination. PURCELL at the present time is believed to be living in Clinton, Tennessee, and may previously have been employed with the then Atomic Energy Commission.

*Re: to Byron*  
FCI records reflected that WATSON is a white male, date of birth August 8, 1953, FBI Number 260-514-J10. He has had numerous arrests since 1970, primarily for narcotics violations.

*J.C.*  
*Law*

FBI

Date: 1/6/77

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA

*gab/jlb*  
*TR*

Re Bureau teletype, 8/6/76; and EP airtel,  
12/3/76.

The following data is submitted as requested  
in Bureau teletype dated 8/6/76, for the period 1/1/76  
through 12/31/76:

- 1. MANPOWER  
None
- 2. UNUSUAL COSTS  
None

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*jlb*

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*B. J. ...*  
*gab/jlb*  
*SJK*

Approved: WCO/jem  
Special Agent in Charge

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: BUDGET & ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
 FINANCE & PERSONNEL DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;  
 COST DATA

*gas/jls*  
*Thorton*

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Report for Period Ending December 31, 1976:

1. Manpower  
None
2. Unusual Costs  
None

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*jls*

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*SLK*

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TRANSMIT VIA:

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- Facsimile
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PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
- SECRET
- CONFIDENTIAL
- E F T O
- CLEAR

Date 1/5/77

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
(ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-15079) (P)

*jac/jla*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;  
COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype to all SACs dated 8/6/76.

Pursuant to referenced Bureau teletype, the following requested information is furnished regarding time expended in this matter during the period of December, 1976:

- 1. Manpower: None
- 2. Unusual Costs: None

*W. Stanton*

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Date: 1/5/77

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
 FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (100-1472)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
 COST DATA

*jas/lyh*  
*Thompson*

Re MOairtel to BU 12/1/76.

Mobile had no activity in captioned matter during December, 1976, and accordingly no cost data to report for December.

2-Bureau  
 1-Mobile  
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*Biggs*  
*jas/lyh*  
*SIX*

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 Special Agent in Charge

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FM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

TO CHARLOTTE PRIORITY

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Deegan
- 1 - Mr. Thornton

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FOR INFORMATION CHARLOTTE, THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) TASK FORCE HAS BEEN REVIEWING OUR SECURITY INVESTIGATION AND OUR INVESTIGATION INVOLVING THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OPR PERSONNEL ADVISED THAT THEY INTEND TO INTERVIEW SEVERAL FORMER BUREAU OFFICIALS. THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONCERNED WITH ASCERTAINING WHY CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONS AND ACTIONS WERE ISSUED FROM FBIHQ TO THE FIELD AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SUPERVISION OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INVESTIGATIONS.

THE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]  
DEC. 39 100-106670-4597

CHARLOTTE SHOULD ADVISE [REDACTED] THAT OPR PERSONNEL

WILL BE CONTACTING HIM CONCERNING AN INTERVIEW AND FURNISH HIM WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: (1) HE IS RELEASED

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FROM THE OBLIGATION IMPOSED BY HIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE COURSE OF HIS EMPLOYMENT IN CONFIDENCE, TO THE EXTENT THE AGREEMENT IS APPLICABLE IN SUCH A SITUATION. (2) THE BUREAU DESIRES TO EXTEND FULL COOPERATION TO THE DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INQUIRY. HOWEVER, ██████████ AS A FORMER EMPLOYEE WILL BE ADVISED TO UNDERSTAND CLEARLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY, HE MUST DECIDE FOR HIMSELF WHETHER OR NOT TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. (3) WITH REGARD TO REQUESTS FOR COUNSEL, ██████████ WILL BE ADVISED THAT THE BUREAU HAS NO AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SUCH COUNSEL. ██████████ MUST DECIDE FOR HIMSELF IF HE FEELS THE NEED FOR PERSONAL COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH HIS INTERVIEW. REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AT DEPARTMENT EXPENSE OR FOR APPOINTMENT OF PRIVATE COUNSEL SHOULD BE MADE IN THE FORM OF LETTERS DIRECTED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY FBIHQ.

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IN ADDITION, ██████████ SHOULD BE ADVISED HE IS NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT DIVULGE THE IDENTITY OF ANY INFORMANT OR SOURCES.

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NOTE:

On 12/16/76, the OPR Task Force which has been reviewing our investigations of King since 5/10/76, advised they intend to interview a total of 13 present and former Bureau officials. Interviews of present and former personnel is in accordance with the Attorney General's instructions pertaining to the King review. This matter has been coordinated with the Legal Counsel Division and above instructions being sent to the field at the suggestion of the Legal Counsel Division.

APPROVED:

Director.....  
Assoc. Dir.....  
Dep. AD Adm.....  
Dep. AD Inv.....

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*[Signature]*

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Date: 1/4/77

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4105) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

*jas/jlb*  
*Thorton*

Re Bureau nitel dated 8/6/76.

During the period 11/1-30/76 and 12/1-31/76, the Memphis Office has incurred no costs in connection with this matter.

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*jlb*

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*Budget*  
*jas/jlb*  
*st*

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Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 1-4-77

FROM : [Redacted]

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*Peel*  
*Deegan*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_
- Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_
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- Adm. Serv. \_\_\_\_\_
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- Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

Memorandum from J. G. Deegan to R. J. Gallagher dated 12-17-76 indicated writer is 1 of 13 present and former Bureau officials and Agents whom the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility Task Force (OPRTF) desired to interview concerning the King investigation.

On 12-28-76 starting at approximately 3:15 p. m. , I was interviewed by James Kieckhefer of the OPRTF. The interview was concerning the Division 6 investigation of the Martin Luther King assassination, known in the Bureau as the Murkin investigation. I was interviewed for approximately 1 1/2 hours and it concerned itself primarily with the administrative aspects of the handling of the case. I responded to all questions posed by Mr. Kieckhefer, and he particularly wanted to know if 2 Agents from Division 5 were cognizant of the investigation. I responded I did not specifically know, however, it would not be uncommon for Agents of an interested division to review the results of an investigation.

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Mr. Kieckhefer stated that it may be necessary to interview me again, and I advised him that I would cooperate in any manner he desired.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - V. R. Thornton

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*MD*

*Deegan info*  
*Thornton*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
FILES AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-7259) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

*jac/jlb*  
*Thompson*

Re Bureau teletype, 8/6/76.

The following cost data is being submitted per  
referenced teletype.

- I. Manpower
  - None
- II. Unusual Costs
  - None

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*JL*  
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*jlb*

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*Tyler*  
*sk*

Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 1/3/77

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Via AIR TEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (62-3661)  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

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ReButel to all SAC's dated 8/6/76.

The Pittsburgh Office incurred no cost in connection  
with captioned matter during the month of December, 1976.

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1-Pittsburgh  
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Signature

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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E F T O

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED JANUARY 5, 1977.

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[REDACTED] FURNISHED INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH IN RE BUREAU TELETYPE  
BY BUREAU AGENT ON JANUARY 9, 1977.

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FM CLEVELAND (44-565)

TO DIRECTOR (~~44-38861~~) ROUTINE

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 6, 1976.

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1976, CLEVELAND INCURRED NO  
MANPOWER OR OTHER COSTS RELATED TO THIS MATTER.

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Date: 1/5/77

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Precedence)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

*jas/hla*

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (44-153) (RUC)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

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Re Bureau teletype 8/6/76.

1. Manpower: 4 Hours Regular

SA [REDACTED] b7(c)  
GS-13, Step 10

2. Unusual Costs: None

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1 - Salt Lake City

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Date: 1/3/77

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)

*jas/jlw*

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (100-1607) (C)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

*Thadston  
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ReButel, 8/6/76.

The Las Vegas Office expended no man power and no unusual or out-of-the-ordinary costs during the month of December, 1976, in connection with captioned matter.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
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1 - Las Vegas  
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FM DETROIT (44-989) (P)

TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) (ROUTINE)

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E F T O

ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL  
DIVISION, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

RE BUREAU NITEL TO ALL SACS, AUG. 6, 1976.

MANPOWER COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER  
FOR THE PERIOD DEC. 1-31, 1976, IN THE DETROIT DIVISION ARE  
AS FOLLOWS:

SA [REDACTED] GS-12, STEP 2, THREE HOURS

NO UNUSUAL COSTS INCURRED IN THE DETROIT DIVISION

DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

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*Budg & Acct  
Rm 6076*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-12138) P

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;  
COST DATA

DATE: 1/5/77

*gab/jlb*

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Remylet 12/1/76.

Bureau nitel 8/16/76 requested the following information:

- 1) Manpower - none.
- 2) Unusual cost - none.

Future report in this matter will be submitted in 30 days.

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*jl*

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2 - Kansas City  
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FM COLUMBIA (100-106)

TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) ROUTINE

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ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL  
DIVISION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

RE BUREAU NITEL, AUGUST 6, 1976, AND COLUMBIA TELETYPE  
TO BUREAU, DECEMBER 15, 1976.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH IN  
BUREAU NITEL AUGUST 6, 1976, THE FOLLOWING STATISTICAL  
INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31,  
1976:

1. MANPOWER UTILIZATION: NONE

2. UNUSUAL COST: NONE INCURRED.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 1/5/77

FROM : *TRP/hyo* SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-18410) (P\*) (ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA

*gabyle*

*CP*

RE: Bureau nitel, 8/6/76.

1. Manpower: None.
2. Unusual Costs: None.

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DATE 3-2-81 BY SP4 JIM/ML  
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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE  
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ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA; DECEMBER, 1976.

*b7(c)*

1. MANPOWER: AGENT: [REDACTED] GRADE 13, STEP 9, TIME SPENT - 3 HOURS. AGENT: [REDACTED] GRADE 13, STEP 10, TIME SPENT - 6 HOURS.
2. NO UNUSUAL COSTS INCURRED.

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION  
FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (100-4896) (C)

DATE: 1/4/77

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel, 8/6/76.

In accordance with referenced nitel, the following is set forth:

1. MANPOWER

SA [REDACTED]  
GS-13, Step 10

Hours Spent: 3

SA [REDACTED]  
GS-13, Step 9

Hours Spent: 12

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Total Hours: 15

2. Unusual Costs: None

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DATE: 1/4/77

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
 FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (44-715)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
 COST DATA

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ReButel, 8/6/76.

- 1. None
- 2. None

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 1-Albuquerque  
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DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

DATE: 1/4/77

FROM

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SAC, ANCHORAGE (157-37)

*[Handwritten initials]*

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA  
PERIOD ENDING 12/31/76

Re Bureau teletype to All SAC's, 8/6/76, and  
Anchorage letter to the Bureau, 12/1/76.

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1. Manpower  
None.
2. Unusual Cost  
None.

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2 - Bureau, (RM)  
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Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Precedence)

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To: Director, FBI  
(Attn: Budget and Accounting Section -  
Finance and Personnel Division)

From: SAC, Savannah (100-5591)

Re: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA  
DECEMBER 1 - 31, 1976

*gab/ylw*

*44-38861-*

Re Bureau tels, 8/6/76, 10/5/76, and Savannah  
airtel to Bureau, 12/2/76.

1. MANPOWER:

None

2. UNUSUAL COSTS:

None

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③ - Bureau / detached B+A Sec.  
1 - Savannah

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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# Memorandum

*jae/jla*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
 FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)

FROM : *AEO* SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) (P)

SUBJECT: *O* MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
 COST DATA

DATE: 1/3/77

*CS*

ReButel to all SACs dated 8/6/76.

In compliance with request in referenced communication, the following is being submitted.

During December, 1976, no costs concerning this matter were incurred by the Minneapolis Division, either in Category 1 or 2.

Minneapolis will submit next report regarding this matter for period 1/1-30/77 to reach the Bureau by the fifth workday of February, 1977, UACB.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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2-Minneapolis  
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-380) *RUC*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

There were no manpower costs regarding captioned matter incurred by Portland Division during December, 1976.

2 - Bureau (AM)(RM)  
2 - Portland

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

*Jas/ylo*

FROM *EJK/ace*, OMAHA (100-6862) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype to all SACs dated 8/6/76.

- 1. Manpower: For period 12/1 through 12/31/76  
None
- 2. Unusual Costs: For period 12/1 through 12/31/76  
None

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2 - Omaha  
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Date: 12/30/76

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(Attention: Budget and Accounting Section,  
Finance and Personnel Division) *ja/yla*

FROM: SAC, HONOLULU (157-131) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

Re Bureau nitels to all SACs, 8/6/76, 7/30/76, and 7/29/76.

As requested in re nitel dated 8/6/76, the following data is supplied as reflecting activity in captioned matter by the Honolulu Division through the period 12/1-31/76:

1) Manpower

None utilized.

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2) Unusual Costs

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No unusual or out of the ordinary costs incurred by the Honolulu Division.

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1 - Honolulu

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Special Agent in Charge

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (157-12)(P)  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;  
COST DATA

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ReBunitel, 8/6/76.

1. Manpower:

Name:	SA [REDACTED]	b7c
Grade:	11	
Step:	4	
Hours:	2 (regular)	

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2. Unusual Costs: None

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② Bureau 1 detached B+A Sec.  
2-Alexandria  
WBH:krl  
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Approved: *K/aw* Special Agent in Charge

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
ATTN: BUDGET & ACCOUNTING SECTION -  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)  
FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (100-10148) (P)

DATE: 1/4/77

*ja/jla*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

Re Houston letter, dated 12/1/76.

The following December, 1976, data being submitted  
in accordance with previous instructions:

- (1) Manpower - None
- (2) Unusual Costs - None

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1-Houston

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) DATE: 1/4/77  
 APTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING DIVISION,  
 FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION  
 FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9838) *gab/jla*  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;  
 COST DATA

Re San Antonio letter to the Bureau, 12/3/76.

The San Antonio Division has no cost data information to report for December 1976.

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DATE 3-2-81 BY SP4 JRM/ld  
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2-Bureau, detached B+A Sec.  
1-San Antonio  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
(ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)(RUC)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

*gas/jls*  
*Thorton*  
*RM 4077*

ReButel 8/6/76.

Following data submitted re costs at Tampa 12/1/76  
through 12/31/76:

- 1. Manpower - none.
- 2. Unusual Costs - none.

2 - Bureau / detached B+A Sec.  
1 - Tampa  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
(ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION -  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)

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FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (100-7488) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;  
COST DATA

Re Norfolk airtel to the Bureau 12/3/76.

Norfolk has nothing to report in connection with  
this matter for the month of December, 1976.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA.

RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS AUGUST 6, 1976.

SPRINGFIELD HAS INCURRED NO COSTS ON CAPTIONED MATTER  
DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
(ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (100-18761) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype to Albany, 8/6/76.

Albany incurred no manpower expenditure in  
subject file review during 12/76, with no unusual or out  
of the ordinary costs.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) ROUTINE

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW. COST DATA.

RE BUREAU NITEL TO ALL SACS, AUG. 6, 1976.

SACRAMENTO DIVISION COSTS FOR DECEMBER, 1976:

- (1) MANPOWER - NONE
- (2) UNUSUAL COSTS - NONE.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST

DATA

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED AUGUST 6, 1976.

COST INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER  
BY LOS ANGELES DURING DECEMBER 1976 AS FOLLOWS:

SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] GS-14, STEP SIX, b7(c)  
TWO HOURS REGULAR TIME. NO OTHER COST INCURRED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(Attn: Budget and Accounting Section,  
Finance and Personnel Division)

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586) (C)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

Re Atlanta airtel to FBIHQ, 12/3/76.

During the month of December, 1976, the Atlanta Office did not incur any costs in connection with captioned matter.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) ROUTINE

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ATTENTION J. A. BRIXEY, BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW. COST DATA.

RE SAN DIEGO AIRTEL TO BUREAU ATTENTION DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR JAMES O. INGRAM, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, DATED  
OCTOBER 18, 1976.

IN REGARD TO COSTS INCURRED IN CAPTIONED MATTER FOR PERIOD  
OF DECEMBER, 1976:

1. MANPOWER: NONE
2. UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/4/77

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-56121) (SQ12) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

Re Bureau airtel to all SACs, 8/6/76; Bureau teletype to all SACS, 10/5/76; and Philadelphia letter to Bureau, 12/6/76.

The following is provided per request in Bureau teletype, 8/6/76:

I. MANPOWER

None

II. COSTS

None

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# Memorandum

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MR. O'ROURKE

DATE: 12/23/76

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- Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

FROM :

[Redacted name]

*b7(c)*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Memorandum from J. G. Deegan to R. J. Gallagher, 12/17/76, indicated [Redacted] former Bureau Section Chief, as one of 13 present and former Bureau officials and Agents whom the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility Task Force (OPRTF) desired to interview concerning our King investigation.

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At approximately 3:15 PM, 12/22/76, writer received a telephone call from [Redacted] Kentucky. [Redacted] advised that he had just been telephonically contacted by a Mr. Gross who told him he was with the Department of Justice and wanted to interview [Redacted] concerning the King case. Gross said that he had already interviewed the writer. (Separate memorandum has been submitted concerning the interview of writer by John Gross and another representative of the OPRTF.) [Redacted] also indicated he had already been contacted by our Louisville Office alerting him to a possible interview. (Separately reported by a Louisville teletype.)

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[Redacted] indicated the principal purpose of his call was to verify with the writer the authenticity of Gross. Writer confirmed to [Redacted] that a John Gross was with the Department's Task Force looking into the King case and described Gross to [Redacted]. It was also indicated to [Redacted] that Gross would undoubtedly have credentials to show on any interview. Gross told [Redacted] that he was going to [Redacted] to be there over the holidays and they agreed to get together on the phone to possibly arrange an interview provided [Redacted] health would permit same.

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[Redacted] inquired as to the purpose of the Department's inquiry and he was furnished same in general terms as has been reported in the press. [Redacted] then reviewed with writer his functions as Section Chief when the King investigation was underway and his recollections of the case, especially the basis for the King investigation. Writer took care to not prompt [Redacted] or refresh his recollection or indicate

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- 1 - Personnel File [Redacted] (out of service)
- 1 - Messrs. Adams, Mintz, Gallagher, Deegan, V. R. Thornton
- 1 - [Redacted] :wmj (8)

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Memo for Mr. O'Rourke  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

b7(c) what ground was covered in the interview of the writer. It was merely indicated to [REDACTED] that the Bureau is fully cooperating with the Department in this matter.

ACTION:

None . . . . for information.

*JWc/DAT*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : R.J. Gallagher

FROM : J.G. Deegan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Mintz (Route through for review)
- 1 - Mr. Leavitt

DATE: 12/17/76

- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Deegan
- 1 - Mr. Thornton

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PURPOSE:

Purpose is to advise that personnel of the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Task Force, who are reviewing our investigations of King, advised they intend to interview several present and former Bureau officials. Also to recommend current employees be made available for interview and to recommend present and former employees be released from their obligation imposed by their employment agreements to maintain information obtained in the course of their employment in confidence. To further recommend OPR be furnished last known addresses of former personnel and that they be alerted to interview.

SYNOPSIS:

On 12/16/76, the OPR Task Force which has been reviewing our investigations of King since 5/10/76, advised they intend to interview a total of thirteen present and former Bureau officials. The interviews will be concerned with ascertaining why certain instructions and actions were issued from FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) to the field and other aspects of the supervision of the Martin Luther King, Jr., investigations. Interview of present and former personnel is in accordance with the Attorney General's instructions pertaining to the King review.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That present employees, who are to be interviewed, be made available to the Department for interview and that former employees be made aware the Department is interested in interviewing them.

(2) That present and former employees be released from the obligation imposed by their employment agreements to maintain information obtained in the course of their employment in confidence

APPROVED:

Director \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address of former employees furnished per 100-106670-4562 JK

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Memorandum Deegan to Gallagher  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
100-106670

DETAILS:

You have been previously advised that since 5/10/76, the Departmental Task Force of the OPR has been reviewing our investigations of Martin Luther King, Jr.,

On 12/16/76, OPR personnel advised that they intend to interview the following present and former Bureau officials:

PRESENT

Mr. Richard E. Long, Assistant Director, Finance and Personnel Division

[REDACTED] Special Agent, Planning and Inspection Division

[REDACTED] Assistant Section Chief, Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division

[REDACTED] Unit Chief, Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division

[REDACTED] Section Chief, Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division

FORMER

Mr. A. Belmont\*, former Assistant to the Director  
[REDACTED], former Section Chief

Mr. W.C. Sullivan, former Assistant to the Director

[REDACTED] former Assistant to the Director  
[REDACTED] former Section Chief

[REDACTED] former Section Chief

[REDACTED] former Section Chief

In addition OPR personnel stated they intended to interview Mr. W.F. Woods, who in 1968 was Supervisor in Charge of Special Memoranda Unit, General Investigative Division. Inquiry has determined that Mr. Woods is deceased. OPR personnel are being apprised of this fact.

\* OPR personnel will be advised concerning the health of Mr. Belmont and [REDACTED] both of whom are known to be in ill health.

1/25/77  
PER OPR D&J, TO  
LIST OF THOSE TO  
BE INTERVIEWED TO  
NECESSARY REGARDING FINAL  
OPR REPORT AS TO  
FILING OF ORIGINAL  
COMPLAINT AGAINST  
JAMES EARL RAY 2  
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Memorandum Deegan to Gallagher  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
100-106670

Request of OPR is in accordance with the Attorney General's instructions pertaining to the King review which is to include personal interviews as well as access to certain files. The interviews will be concerned with ascertaining why certain instructions and actions were issued from FBIHQ to the field and other aspects of the supervision of the Martin Luther King, Jr., investigations.

Legal Counsel Division indicates that current Bureau employees should be made available for interview at FBIHQ and that we should furnish the last known address of former employees to the Department.

In accordance with Legal Counsel Division <sup>advice</sup> ~~desires~~, present and former employees to be interviewed will be advised that: (1) They are released from the obligation imposed by their employment agreements to maintain information obtained in the course of their employment in confidence, to the extent the agreement is applicable in such a situation; (2) The Bureau desires to extend full cooperation to the Department in connection with this inquiry and, therefore, they are encouraged to cooperate with the inquiry. However, employees will be advised to understand, clearly and unequivocally, they must decide for themselves whether or not to answer specific questions and no administrative action will be taken against them by the Bureau if they exercise their constitutional rights (Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination) in declining to answer questions. (3) With regard to requests for counsel, employees will be advised that the Bureau has no authority to provide such counsel. The individual employee must decide for himself if he feels the need for personal counsel in connection with his interview. Requests for appointment of counsel by the Department of Justice at Department expense or for appointment of private counsel should be made in the form of letters directed to the Attorney General and will be forwarded to the Department by FBIHQ.

It is noted that the role of the Legal Counsel Division in a situation such as this is limited to furnishing general advice and it is not appropriate for the Legal Counsel Division to attempt to advise individual employees regarding their specific situations.

Memorandum Deegan to Gallagher  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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A teletype will be sent to each field office in whose territory former employees were last known to reside instructing that the former employee be advised OPR personnel will be contacting them concerning an interview, and to furnish above instructions as suggested by Legal Counsel Division.

ADDENDUM: On 12/17/76 Mr. James Kieckhefer of the OPR Task Force advised in order for the Task Force to meet the Attorney General's deadline for completion of this inquiry it will be absolutely necessary that the above named individuals be interviewed no later than Tuesday, 12/21/76 or Wednesday, 12/22/76.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) ROUTINE

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO CHARLOTTE AND CLEVELAND, DECEMBER 28, 1976.

[REDACTED] FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, WAS CONTACTED DECEMBER 30, 1976, [REDACTED] AND ADVISED OF CONTENTS OF RETEL. [REDACTED] WAS VERY COOPERATIVE AND STATED HE UNDERSTOOD THE CONTENTS OF RETEL AND WOULD BE ANTICIPATING CONTACT FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TASK FORCE. HE ADVISED OF NO PENDING PLANS TO BE TRAVELLING FROM THE [REDACTED] AREA.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) (PRIORITY)

CHARLOTTE (100-10075) (ROUTINE)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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RE CHARLOTTE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND BALTIMORE,  
DECEMBER 29, 1976.

BUREAU AND CHARLOTTE NOTE [REDACTED] CONTACTED

[REDACTED] DECEMBER 30, 1976, THROUGH TELEPHONE  
[REDACTED] FURNISHED INSTRUCTIONS IN

REFERENCED CHARLOTTE TELETYPE.

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[REDACTED] STATED HE SHOULD RETURN TO HIS HOME IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 3,

1977.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) PRIORITY  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO CHARLOTTE AND CLEVELAND, DECEMBER 28, 1976.

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THE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING FORMER BUREAU OFFICIALS: [REDACTED] FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] b7(c)  
FORMER INSPECTOR, [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] EXPECTED TO RETURN [REDACTED]  
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BALTIMORE WILL CONTACT FORMER BUREAU OFFICIAL [REDACTED]  
THROUGH [REDACTED] AND FURNISH ABOVE  
INSTRUCTIONS IN REFERENCED BUREAU TELETYPE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO: *JW* MR. O'ROURKE

DATE: 12/22/76

FROM: [REDACTED] b7(c)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Memorandum from J. G. Deegan to R. J. Gallagher, 12/17/76, indicated writer is one of 13 present and former Bureau officials and Agents whom the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility Task Force (OPRTF) desired to interview concerning our King investigation.

On 12/21/76, during the approximate period 1:45 PM - 4:05 PM, writer was interviewed by James Kieckhefer of the OPRTF. Also participating in the interview but to a much lesser extent and only during about two-thirds of the time was Joseph Gross of the OPRTF. The following general subject matters were covered, not necessarily in the order listed:

Basis for King investigation;

How King investigation related to the investigation entitled "Communist Influence in Racial Matters (CIRM)";

King's relationship with Stanley Levison and Hunter Pitts O'Dell;

Evolution of COINTELPRO against King and conference at SOG in 12/63 when this was discussed;

Identities of personnel who handled King investigation at SOG;

Line of authority in handling the case in the approximate period 1963-1965, including identities of writer, Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner, Inspector Joseph Sizoo, Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan, and Assistant to the Director A. H. Belmont;

Technical coverage;

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Memo to Mr. O'Rourke  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

Preparation of briefs and monographs regarding King and CIRM;

Dispute in Fall, 1963, between Director Hoover and Sullivan/  
Domestic Intelligence Division (DID) regarding King and CIRM;

Mailing of tape to King;

King as a security threat;

Organization of DID and Internal Security Section.

Two matters were particularly stressed by Kieckhefer. The first concerned a dispute which arose in the Fall of 1963 between Mr. Hoover and Sullivan/DID over the assessment of CIRM, and writer explained the circumstances surrounding this dispute as he best recalled it, cautioning that much of Hoover's remarks at the time should be viewed in its fullest context, which indicated that his remarks were many times sarcasm and did not mean what they said.

The second matter concerned whether or not there was a consensus within DID as to the threat represented by King because of the communist influences on him. In response to specific questions, writer expressed his belief that all of the principal Bureau supervisors and officials working on the King case, as well as Mr. Hoover, were convinced at the time that in light of all that was known about King, he was considered of considerable security concern to the nation and that the Bureau's investigation of him and actions taken against him were in the context of that concern.

ACTION

None. For information.

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Date: 12/10/76

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Via AIRTEL 6076 (Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
(PERSONAL ATTENTION: DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR J.O. INGRAM, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (100-136585) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ReCGteletype and Bureau tel call, 12/9/76.

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Department of Justice Attorney FRED G. FOLSOM was advised on 12/9/76, that the enclosed would be forwarded to the Bureau and would be made available through contact with SA [REDACTED] FOLSOM departed the NYO on 12/9/76.

b7(c) The following representatives of the Department of Justice departed the NYO on 12/8/76:

- JOSEPH F. GROSS
- JAMES R. KEICKHEFER
- JAMES F. WALKER
- WILLIAM D. WHITE

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The Bureau has been previously advised of all requests made by the Department of Justice Task Force, while in NY.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

REURTEL DECEMBER 21, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 22, 1976, MR. JAMES KIECKHEFER, DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) TASK FORCE, WAS ADVISED OF CONTENTS OF RETEL. MR. KIECKHEFER ADVISED THAT BECAUSE OF [REDACTED] (FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR) FAILING HEALTH AND DETERIORATED PHYSICAL CONDITION, OPR WILL MAKE NO EFFORT TO INTERVIEW HIM.

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SAN FRANCISCO IS NOT AWARE OF HOW CRITICAL THE INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] IS TO THIS MATTER BUT RECOMMENDS IF OPR INSISTS THAT CONTACT BE MADE HERE WITH [REDACTED] BT

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Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
ATTN: DOMESTIC SECURITY SECTION

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Re: Bureau teletype, 12-20-76.

\_\_\_\_\_ former Assistant to the Director, was contacted concerning reference teletype on 12-21-76 by SAC THOMAS R. DUGAN. Up until 9:00 a.m., 12-22-76 \_\_\_\_\_ had not yet been contacted by department representatives. \_\_\_\_\_ further advised that he intends to request appointment of counsel by the department at department expense to be sought by \_\_\_\_\_ at the appropriate time.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-106670 (PRIORITY)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

RE BUTEL DECEMBER 20, 1976

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CONTACTED UPON RECEIPT OF REFERENCED TELETYPE AND  
FURNISHED PERTINENT INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.

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[REDACTED] HOWEVER, DEPENDING ON  
HOW HE IS FEELING ON ANY PARTICULAR DAY, HE WOULD BE WILL-  
ING TO BE INTERVIEWED IN LOUISVILLE.

ABOVE FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ AND FOR RELAY TO  
OPR TASK FORCE.

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FM DIRECTOR (100-106670)

TO BALTIMORE PRIORITY

BOSTON PRIORITY

LOUISVILLE PRIORITY

NEW HAVEN PRIORITY

SAN FRANCISCO PRIORITY

WFO PRIORITY

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Ingram
- 1 - Mr. Deegan
- 1 - Mr. Thornton

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FOR INFORMATION RECIPIENTS, THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) TASK FORCE HAS BEEN REVIEWING OUR SECURITY INVESTIGATION AND OUR INVESTIGATION INVOLVING THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OPR PERSONNEL ADVISED THAT THEY INTEND TO INTERVIEW THE SEVERAL FORMER BUREAU OFFICIALS. THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONCERNED WITH ASCERTAINING WHY CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONS AND ACTIONS WERE ISSUED FROM FBIHQ TO THE FIELD AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SUPERVISION OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INVESTIGATIONS.

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THE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING FORMER BUREAU OFFICIALS: [REDACTED] FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FORMER SECTION CHIEF, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FORMER SECTION CHIEF, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FORMER SECTION CHIEF, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] FORMER SECTION CHIEF, [REDACTED]

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF LOUISVILLE AND SAN FRANCISCO, OPR PERSONNEL WILL BE ADVISED CONCERNING THE HEALTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH OF WHOM ARE KNOWN TO BE IN ILL HEALTH. IF EITHER OFFICE HAS ANY CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE INDIVIDUAL'S STATUS, WHICH WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT OPR PERSONNEL SHOULD NOT INTERVIEW THEM, ADVISE FBIHQ.

RECIPIENTS SHOULD ADVISE THOSE FORMER EMPLOYEES RESIDING WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS THAT OPR PERSONNEL WILL BE CONTACTING THEM CONCERNING AN INTERVIEW AND FURNISH THEM WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: (1) THEY ARE RELEASED FROM THE OBLIGATION IMPOSED BY THEIR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS TO MAINTAIN INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN CONFIDENCE, TO THE EXTENT THE AGREEMENT IS APPLICABLE IN SUCH A SITUATION. (2) THE

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BUREAU DESIRES TO EXTEND FULL COOPERATION TO THE DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INQUIRY AND, THEREFORE, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO COOPERATE WITH THE INQUIRY. HOWEVER, FORMER EMPLOYEES WILL BE ADVISED TO UNDERSTAND, CLEARLY AND UNEQUIVOCABLY, THEY MUST DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER OR NOT TO ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTION (3) WITH REGARD TO REQUESTS FOR COUNSEL, FORMER EMPLOYEES WILL BE ADVISED THAT THE BUREAU HAS NO AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SUCH COUNSEL. THE FORMER EMPLOYEE MUST DECIDE FOR HIMSELF IF HE FEEL THE NEED FOR PERSONAL COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH HIS INTERVIEW. REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AT DEPARTMENT EXPENSE OR FOR APPOINTMENT OF PRIVATE COUNSEL SHOULD BE MADE IN THE FORM OF LETTERS DIRECTED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY FBIHQ.

IN ADDITION, FORMER EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE ADVISED THEY ARE NOT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT DIVULGE THE IDENTITY OF ANY INFORMANTS OR SOURCES.

OPR TASK FORCE PERSONNEL HAVE INDICATED IN ORDER FOR THEM TO MEET THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF THIS INQUIRY IT WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT THESE INTERVIEW BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1976 OR WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22, 1976.

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NOTE: On 12/16/76, the OPR Task Force which has been reviewing our investigations of King since 5/10/76, advised they intend to interview a total of 13 present and former Bureau officials. Interviews of present and former personnel is in accordance with the Attorney General's instructions pertaining to the King review. This matter has been coordinated with the Legal Counsel Division and above instructions being sent to the field at the suggestion of the Legal Counsel Division.

APPROVED:

Director: *[Signature]*

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Date: 12/15/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~44-38861~~)  
 ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
 FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION *Subly*

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-11108) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA

Re Dallas airtel to the Bureau dated 10/26/76.

The following costs were incurred by the Dallas Office in connection with the above-captioned matter during October, 1976:

1. Manpower: [redacted] GS-3, Step 1, 10 hours regular time; SA [redacted] GS-13, Step 10, two hours regular time; *b7(c)*
2. Unusual Costs: Xerox paper, \$2.23

No costs were incurred by the Dallas Office in connection with this investigation during November, 1976.

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Approved: JAN 6 1977 Special Agent in Charge Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670) PRIORITY

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DATED DECEMBER 14, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 15, 1976, TASK FORCE PERSONNEL MR. JEFF COVERT AND MS. HOPE BYRNE ARRIVED AT BALTIMORE OFFICE AROUND 9:30 AM AND REVIEWED NECESSARY KING ASSASSINATION FILES SET FORTH IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION.

REVIEW WAS COMPLETED AT 4 PM THIS DATE AND TASK FORCE PERSONNEL DEPARTED AT THAT TIME. NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

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TO: *EP* DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION *gab/jls*  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-10075) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype to All SACs, 8/6/76.

1. MANPOWER

None

2. UNUSUAL COSTS

None

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